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Peron dies at 78

BUENOS AIRES. — General Juan Domingo Peron, who defied all political odds to regain the Argentine Presidency last year after 18 years in exile, died here yesterday. He was 78.

His wife and successor as President, Maria Estela Peron, sworn in as interim president at her dying husband's request on Saturday, announced his death to the people of Argentina in a short radio broadcast.

She said General Peron — whose condition deteriorated suddenly following two heart stoppages in the morning — had fought until his last moments for national unity. And she appealed to his friends and opponents to "put aside their personal passions following the death of this great apostle of peace and non-violence."

Peron died at 1:15 p.m. (7.15 p.m. Israel time) after his heart stopped for the second time in three hours. He had fallen ill two weeks earlier, developing a bronchial infection which affected his weakened heart.

Mrs. Peron made the announcement over national radio and television, her thin voice rising in pitch as she appeared to fight back tears.

The first medical bulletin on Peron's condition came after his wife met with the national Cabinet on her first day as interim President. The Cabinet met in the suburban presidential residence where Peron lay ill.

Military, political and labour leaders expressed support for Mrs. Peron's constitutional succession and Federal police went on an immediate alert to ensure calm.

The country's giant labour movement, Peron's major base of power, declared a countrywide sympathy strike to continue until midnight of

JUAN PERON
(Diego Goldberg for Camera Press)

the day of Peron's burial. There was no word when that would be.

Peron's body will lie in state in the National Congress building here, parliamentary sources said.

Peron apparently became ill June 12 during a dramatic appeal for support, appearing on the balcony of Casa Rosada, his official mansion. Before lunch that day he said he would resign if the people did not back his economic and political programmes. Hours later, scores of thousands jammed the plaza outside the mansion to watch Peron, in a fur-collared coat against the chill, thunder his thanks for their loyalty. *(Reuter, AP)*

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Rabin: Room for talks, but not separation accord, with Jordan

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
and agencies

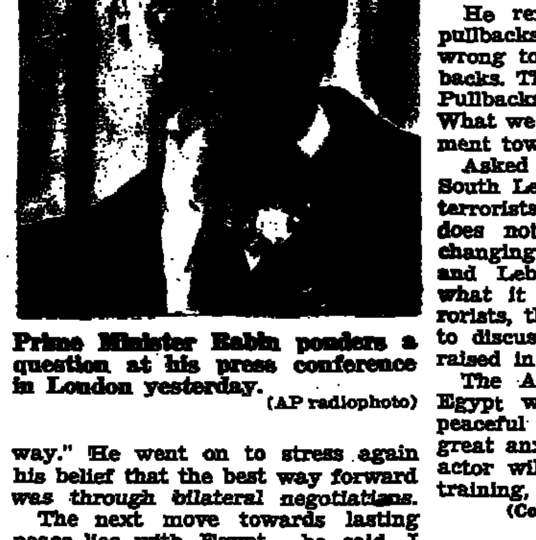
LONDON. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday rejected King Hussein's accusation that he had slammed the door on peace. "There is no room for a separation of forces agreement with Jordan — the forces are separated. But there is room to negotiate peace with Jordan, provided the Jordanians are prepared to negotiate peace with Israel without preconditions," he said.

Addressing a packed press conference at the Churchill Hotel here, Rabin went on: "We cannot accept that they put the outcome of negotiations as a precondition to negotiations. If King Hussein wants to have talks with Israel right away without preconditions, he can have them within five minutes, and our response will be positive."

Referring to the "Palestinians," he remained adamant that Israel would not talk to the terrorist organizations. "The Palestinian problem has to be negotiated in the context of a disengagement agreement with Jordan. If the Jordanians decide to bring moderate Palestinians with them as part of their mission, we will consider this in a positive way."

Mr. Rabin met the press shortly before leaving for home. He had come to England for a weekend conference of Socialist International leaders.

Questioned about the future of the Geneva peace talks, the Israel Premier said: "It is a framework under whose auspices negotiations can be carried out — in a different



Prime Minister Rabin ponders a question at his press conference in London yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

way." He went on to stress again his belief that the best way forward was through *bilateral negotiations.*

The next move towards lasting peace lies with Egypt, he said. I believe that Egypt is the key Arab country, and it has been proved in the past that, without Egypt leading the Arab world to war or to peace, there were no movements either to war or peace.

"I believe that we have to move with Egypt, but not just to argue where should be the next line but also what should be the meaning of movement towards peace."

Progress from a cease-fire towards a formal non-belligerency would be an example of such movement, he said. There would be no Israel withdrawal without a change of mind and a change of position by the Egyptian Government — "no territorial concessions without any meaningful movements from the other side."

He refused to accept the word pullbacks, in this connection. "It is wrong to talk about Israel pullbacks. The issue is to achieve peace. Pullbacks have no meaning for us. What we are talking about is movement towards peace."

Asked if Israel intended to occupy South Lebanon in order to curb the terrorists, he declared that "Israel does not have the intention of changing the line between Israel and Lebanon." If Lebanon does what it should to control the terrorists, then there would be no need to discuss possibilities such as that raised in the question, he said.

The American offer to supply Egypt with a nuclear reactor for peaceful purposes "is causing us great anxiety," Rabin said. The reactor will give them knowhow and training, and the knowledge thus

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Must work on Mart members

B-G AIRPORT. — Efforts must be made to neutralize the negative approach reflected in the joint statement made in Amsterdam last November by the nine member states of the European Economic Community, and to foster better economic ties with these states, Premier Yitzhak Rabin said last night on his return from London.

Rabin reported the attitude on the part of European leaders, with whom he met at the International Socialist Conference there, has become more pro-Israel in recent months. However, he noted, Europe was not to be expected to take an active role in Middle East affairs, while Israel would have to work long and hard to bring about changes favourable to her, since her market outlets were there.

Peres :

Egyptians can't be stopped from misusing reactors

NEW YORK (AFP). — Defence Minister Shimon Peres has said that there is no way of preventing the Egyptians from using for military purposes the nuclear reactors they are to obtain from the U.S.

Speaking in an interview with "Time" magazine, Peres said that the guarantees given were of any value only "under normal conditions." He raised the question of what might happen if the Egyptians one day decided to expel the Americans as they had their Russian advisers. In such a case, he said, the Egyptians would be left with radioactive materials and devoid of all control.

Asked about Israel's nuclear capacity, the Defence Minister said that Israel does not have nuclear weapons.

"The introduction of nuclear weapons is too dangerous, and should be opposed by all responsible parties," he said.

Fatah agrees to end terror raids from Lebanon, papers say

By VICTOR S. NAHMIAS

Arab terrorist leaders have agreed to suspend operations against Israel from Lebanon and to stop infiltration into Israel from Lebanese territory, two Beirut newspapers said yesterday.

"An-Nahar" and its French-language sister daily "L'Orient le Jour" said the decision followed a two-hour meeting on Sunday between Prime Minister Takieddin Solh and a terrorist delegation headed by Salah Khalaf (code-named Abu Iyad), number two man in the Fatah organization. The newspapers quoted "Palestinian" sources as saying that this did not mean that the terrorist movement had suspended all operations against Israel, but that all operations would be undertaken inside Israel in a way that will not involve Lebanon.

A Lebanese Government spokesman said the story in the two newspapers was nothing new. "We have always said that no terrorist operations against Israel are carried out from Lebanon," the spokesman commented.

Up to now, both the Lebanese Government and the "Palestinian" leaders have said repeatedly that recent terrorist attacks on Israel settlements did not come from Lebanon but were carried out by units operating inside Israel.

In fact, an agreement between Lebanon and the terror organizations not to permit the launching of terrorist operations from inside Lebanese territory has been in existence since September, 1972, but the terror organizations openly broke it.

The Arab League defence council is due to meet in Cairo tomorrow to discuss a joint Arab stand on the problem of terrorist activity from Lebanon.

The Egyptian newspaper "Al Ahram" said yesterday that Egypt and the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) have decided to adopt "joint steps to consolidate the steadfastness of the Palestinians in the face of repeated Israel aggressions against southern Lebanon and refugee camps."

Egyptian War Minister Field Marshal Ahmed Ismail Ali met Sunday *with some of Fatah's prominent* leaders to discuss the matter.

Iraq, Libya confer on Israel and Iran

Saddam Hussein, vice-president of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, yesterday ended a three-day official visit to Libya which is believed to have boosted relations between the two countries. Both Iraq and Libya have adopted a radical stand regarding the diplomatic efforts to solve the Middle East conflict.

Hussein had a two-hour closed meeting with Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi on Sunday. He also met twice with the Prime Minister Abdul Salam Jalloud.

In a statement to the Libyan News Agency before leaving, Hussein said his talks with Major Jalloud and Libyan officials were marked "by brotherhood and a deep spirit of national responsibility" in mobilising energies to face "imperialism and Israel."

"The talks also dealt with the threats to the Arab character of the (Persian) gulf as a result of the aggressive expansionist policy by the Iranian Government and the overt attacks against Iraq and interference in its internal affairs," he said.

Australia invites terrorists

SYDNEY (Reuter). — The "Palestine Liberation Organization" (PLO) has accepted an invitation to set up an information centre in Australia. This was announced yesterday by the extender of the invitation, Bill Hartley, a top official of the ruling Australian Labour Party.

Speaking on his return from a six-week Middle East tour, Mr. Hartley also said PLO leader Yassir Arafat had accepted an invitation to send an Arab delegation to Australia next February to put the "Palestinian" viewpoint, provided Australian federal police guaranteed their safety.

Hartley said he had spoken with the information ministers of Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq about setting up an information office. He added that Australians were ill-informed about the Arab side of the conflict with Israel.

Sadat talks with Bulgaria's President

SOFIA (AP). — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt yesterday conferred with his Bulgarian counterpart, Todor Zhivkov, on "questions of mutual interest," the Bulgarian News Agency BTA said.

Sadat, who arrived on Sunday from a state visit to Rumania, immediately went into a meeting with Zhivkov, who is also Communist Party chief.

Meanwhile, Bulgarian Foreign Minister Peter Mladenov and his Egyptian counterpart, Ismail Fahmy, were conducting talks at the Foreign Ministry here.

Austrians catch 3 more terrorists

DAMASCUS (UPI).—The Austrian batallion of the U.N. Disengagement Observer Force (Undof) apprehended three armed men during the past three days and handed them over to the Syrian police, Undof spokesman, Rudolf Stajduhar, announced yesterday. Two of the men were arrested last Friday and the third on Sunday, in the Mt. Hermon sector of the Undof area of separation.

"The three men carried machine-guns, ammunition and hand grenades," Stajduhar said.

The same battalion last Thursday arrested the first armed Arab who was dressed in a uniform that identified him with the principal terrorist group, Al Fatah. He, too, was handed over to the Syrian authorities.

Electoral reform bill taken away from Warhaftig

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Alignment's private members bill to amend the existing electoral system has been taken away from the Knesset Law Committee as a whole and given to a permanent sub-committee of the Law Committee to be headed by former Supreme Court Justice Binyamin Halevi (Likud).

This was decided yesterday by the Law Committee, whose chairman Dr. Zerah Warhaftig (National Religious), has been criticised for allegedly dragging his feet on the electoral reform proposal, which he opposes.

Yariv: Working to plug leaks

Information Minister Aharon Yariv yesterday told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of measures he has undertaken to overcome what Committee members called "recurring incidents of reports appearing in the media which are liable to be damaging to State security."

Yariv was participating in a Committee session on information concerning matters connected with security, the Government Press Office reported. The discussion was held in connection with a motion for the agenda by Yigal Hurvitz MK (Likud-State List) on "radio and television reports concerning the fire at Yokne'am."

ANTI-INFLATION STEPS DUE TODAY

5% property levy... new C-o-L pay to be taxed... building freeze

By MOSHE ATER and AARON SITTNER

The Cabinet held an extraordinary session late last night, and was scheduled to announce a series of anti-inflationary measures to go into effect immediately. The Cabinet met on Premier Yitzhak Rabin's return from London at 10.30.

The main points of the programme are a sharp cutback in Government spending, particularly new construction; an additional flat 10 per cent import surcharge; *a freeze and tax on part of the July cost-of-living increment;* a five per cent property tax; an increased compulsory war loan, and a freeze on building large flats.

The plan as a whole is aimed to raise up to IL4 billion pounds in additional revenue and to reduce private purchasing power.

• GOVERNMENT SPENDING: The Treasury proposes to trim IL2b off the budget, to forestall the need for a supplementary budget to pay for items like welfare benefits, defence requirements, wage increases and aid to demobilized soldiers. Most of the cuts in Government expenditures would come from dropping plans for new construction (including defence building), and by postponing certain construction and development projects.

• OTHER CONSTRUCTION: Public institutional building would be shelved for the next half-year, and building starts of large flats would be prohibited for the next year. The Treasury defines a large flat as one exceeding 110 square metres. The Treasury will also seek ways of diverting bank credit now going for private mortgaging, to public housing projects.

• TAX COLLECTION: More than a billion pounds would be raised through more efficient income tax collections from self-employed persons and companies. A 15 per cent fine would be imposed for late payments, and higher penalties would be sought for failure to file tax returns.

• IMPORT SURCHARGE: The current 25 per cent surcharge on imports would be upped to 35 per cent. Treasury sources predict a two per cent general price rise as a result of this move. However, exporters would be compensated "over and above" the amount their expenses increased *as a result of the surcharge hike.* Pensioners, welfare cases and other recipients of social allowances would be amply compensated for any rise in the cost of living, Treasury sources said.

• COMPULSORY LOAN: The compulsory war loan rates now ranging from seven to nine per cent of taxable income, would be raised. The loan would also be applied to gains achieved on sale of land (adding three per cent to the land betterment tax).

Prices of the 14 basic commodities would be frozen, at least until the end of the year.

• COST OF LIVING PAYMENT: Part of the new c-o-l increment due this month would be taxed away; also, employers would be subject to a new "wage tax."

• PROPERTY TAX: a one-time five per cent levy would be imposed on real property and private cars but not on industrial equipment or inventories. The levy would be payable over a three-year period, in semi-annual instalments. The tax would apply to the first IL400,000 worth of the value of owner-occupied flats.

• INTEREST: Interest rates on Government-guaranteed development loans, now ranging between 6.5 and 9 per cent, would be increased so as to range between 8 and 12 per cent.

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'Syrian Jews helped to escape via Beirut'

LONDON. — American and private Lebanese agents helped smuggle out of Beirut 92 Jews who had managed to escape from Syria, according to a "Daily Telegraph" report from Paris.

According to the report, the 92 Syrian Jews had escaped from Damascus singly or in small groups in the course of the past few months, and gathered in Beirut. With the help of American agents, they were transported to Beirut airport — passing through three refugee camps controlled by terrorists — in a refrigeration truck. American and Lebanese agents rode along with them as armed guards, and other agents, members of the Lebanese armed forces, temporarily took over guarding of the airport until the refugees were aboard a plane bound for France.

The story was allegedly told to the "Daily Telegraph" reporter by some of the escapees, though most of them have already left France *for other countries. They were said* to have kept many of the details to themselves, and to have told the story on condition that parts of it not be made public, in the fear that this may harm future efforts of Syrian Jews to make similar escapes.

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Histadrut resists Cost-of-Living cut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — In a statement issued at midnight last night the Histadrut expressed its firm opposition to the Government's plan to withhold part of the July cost-of-living increase.

The statement also said that the labour federation was opposed to increasing the compulsory war loan. But it added that this was the prerogative of the Knesset.

Histadrut representatives last night also said they were opposed to applying the property tax to all automobiles. The radio said they wanted an exemption for cars used in work. But they said the levy on large apartments was justified.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel announced that he would call a special meeting of the Histadrut's Central Committee today, at which he would oppose its approving the planned Government measure.

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz met for some four hours yesterday with Mr. Meshel to hammer out differences over the Treasury's anti-inflationary programme.

The Histadrut also reportedly demanded that the ceiling on private flats, for purposes of the new 5 per cent property tax, be raised from IL300,000 to IL400,000.

The Treasury programme was also slated to meet some resistance from the Mapam ministers, who were said to be backing the Histadrut demands. Individual ministers were also expected to resist the cuts looming for their budgets.

The Cabinet meeting last night came after a long day of intensive discussions that was accompanied by a news blackout. Treasury officials were impelled to seek quick approval of the plan, however, in view of the press leaks of the programme and the economic disquiet to which expectation of the new measures has led.

...while in Paris

PARIS (UPI). — France yesterday raised rents and the electricity tariffs, while Italians had to pay more for sugar and whisky.

The higher prices were due to new taxes aimed at easing balance of payments deficits and fighting inflation by curbing the amount of money in circulation, and inflation is running at about 19 per cent a year in France and 20 per cent in Italy.

French Government officials said the price of petrol would rise today or tomorrow by five centimes a litre to 1.60 francs (IL1.60) a litre.

In Italy, prices went up 36 per cent on sugar and 15 per cent on matches and bottled cooking gas, and the government said there was more to come in the fight to cure *the country's economic ills.*

In West Germany, postal and telephone rates went up about 25 per cent, though local calls from phone booths remained the same because the machines will accept only one coin.

Industry opposes development loan-rate hike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Manufacturers Association spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that the country's industrialists were likely to balk at one of the Government's likely new economic measures—a plan to raise the interest on investment loans for development areas.

The rates will reportedly be raised from the present 6½-9 per cent to a new range of 8-12 per cent, depending on the area and the nature of the enterprise. The manufacturers fear that the higher rates will cut down investment in these areas still further.

Manufacturers Association president Mark Mosevics refused to comment publicly on the Government's economic programme of whose details he was informed yesterday at a meeting with Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev. He said he could not divulge his information prior to the official Government statement.

As soon as the Government announces its programme, the Manufacturers presidium will be called to formulate a common stand. The Executive of the Association may also be called into session.

Synagogue in Paris suburb wrecked

PARIS (JTA). — A synagogue at Savigny Sur Orge, a suburb of Paris, was wrecked on Sunday by a group of unidentified vandals who overturned the holy ark, trampled on the Tora scrolls and stole several collection boxes.

Some days ago, unidentified vandals destroyed 198 graves out of 264 in a Jewish cemetery in Eastern France.

Youth outings again

The Education Ministry has approved the resumption of youth-movement hikes, summer camps and youth conferences, provided the necessary security precautions are taken, it was announced yesterday.

The police have sent the Ministry detailed instructions of precautions to be taken, and have also divided the country into three types of zones — unrestricted areas, restricted areas and closed areas.

The Ministry is sending instructions to all youth movements and local authorities concerning the security precautions to be taken at summer and youth camps, and the procedure for registering proposed hikes. The Ministry has also arranged for army protection at the larger summer camps.

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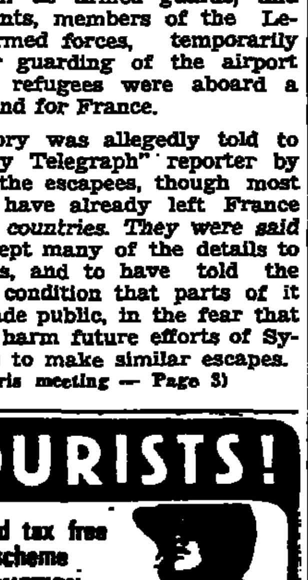

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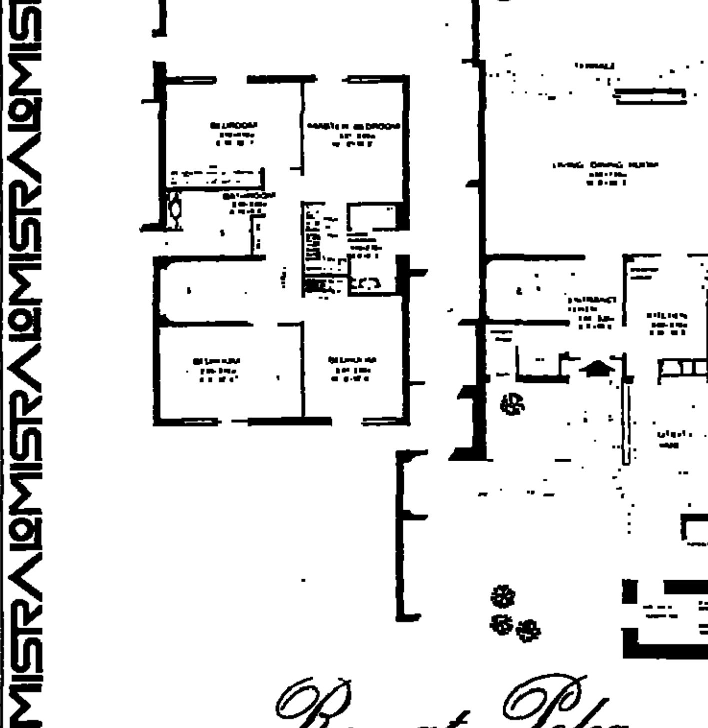

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Haifa	66	24—30	23—28
Tiberias	28	20—39	20—35
Nazareth	22	20—34	20—29
Afula	32	20—36	20—30
Shomron	22	22—33	20—28
Tel Aviv	33	21—38	21—28
Lod	35	16—35	19—30
Jericho	36	21—43	23—36
Gaza	76	21—31	23—28
Beersheba	17	17—38	18—32
Eilat	14	23—42	25—38
Tiran	34	26—35	24—35

Social and Personal

Rumanian Ambassador Ion Covaci yesterday called on Justice Minister Haim Zadok at his Jerusalem office.

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Canadian Ambassador and Mrs. Paul Malone gave a reception at their residence in Ramat Hasharon on the occasion of Canada's national day yesterday.

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Philippine Independence Day was marked by the Israel-Philippines Friendship League on Sunday night at the Mt. Carmel International Training Centre. Present were Ambassador Rafaelita H. Soriano; Yissachar Ben-Ya'acov of the Foreign Ministry; David Hacohen, president of the Israel-Asia Friendship Council; Consul Wolfgang Z. Salomon; and Minna Ben-Zvi, director of the centre. Philippine students entertained the guests.

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A tree in honour of Albert and Henkie Maatman of Holland was planted in the Avenue of Righteous Gentiles at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem yesterday.

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The Israel Office of the British Zionist Federation last night held a reception for Sarah Grebenau, head of its Loans Department, to mark her retirement after 20 years with the office.

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Arye Volk was elected chairman of the Israel Consumers' Association, and Joseph Kendler was appointed director at the association's recent meeting in Jerusalem.

DEPARTURES

Nitzav Haim Levy, Border Police Commander, for the U.S. (by El Al).

Natalie Resnikoff, honorary national president of American Mizrachi Women, for New York (by El Al).

Prof William Haber, president of the World Ort Union, and Mrs. Haber, after participating in the Jewish Agency Assembly.

Donations for girl's open-heart operation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — A public committee has been formed here to raise IL40,000 to enable a local girl to go to Mt. Sinai Hospital in Boston for urgent open heart surgery. Local Sephardi Chief Rabbi, David Dayan, is among the committee members.

The girl, Shoshana Malka, 16 has nine brothers and sisters, and her father, who is a municipal gardener, cannot pay for the operation. Donations may be made to Account No. 31747, Discount Bank, Safad.

Isaac Rokach, citrus farmer, dead at 80

TEL AVIV. — Isaac Rockach, veteran citrus grower and pioneer, died at his home in Herzliya Pituah yesterday, aged 80.

He was among the founders of the Citrus Marketing Board and of the Pardess Syndicate of Israel — the citrus growers' cooperative society (the first cooperative in Israel.) He was brother of the late mayor of Tel Aviv, Israel Rokach.

He was born in Jaffa in 1894 and was educated in Jaffa and in Lausanne. He succeeded his father as general manager of the Pardess Syndicate, a job he held until his retirement three years ago.

The funeral cortege will leave Beit Ha'ikar in Rehov Kaplan here today at 3.30 p.m.

Rokach is survived by his wife, two married daughters and several grandchildren.

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ISAAC ROKACH

Pioneer of the Citrus Industry has passed away.

The funeral will leave from Farmers' House, 8 Rehov Kaplan, Tel Aviv, at 3.30 p.m., today, July 2, 1974, for the Old Cemetery, Rehov Trumpeldor, Tel Aviv.

Deeply mourned by his family.

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Compromise seen on 'Who's a Jew'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Alignment Rabbi Menahem Hacohen returned last night from the U.S. hinting broadly that the "Who's a Jew" disagreement over conversions to Judaism, which took the NRP out of the Coalition, had been bridged.

Rabbi Hacohen said that ultra-orthodox leaders in the U.S. were not as insistent as before that the conversion mentioned in Israel's Law of Return — the root of the "Who's a Jew" issue — be interpreted as "halachic." Instead, it should be defined as "following traditions accepted in Jewry from generation to generation," they now apparently agree. (Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren himself invented this formula, as The Post was the first to reveal.)

Rabbi Hacohen had reportedly been sent to the U.S. (while Rabbi Goren was there for a conference of Orthodox rabbis), in order to help foster understanding between Rabbi Goren and Rabbi Yosef Soloveichik of Boston over the "Who's a Jew" disagreement.

Reports in the Knesset lobbies last night said that Rabbis Goren and Soloveichik had approved the "from generation to generation" formula in the course of their meetings in New York over the weekend.

(Hearing of this accord, Brooklyn's ultra-orthodox Lubavitcher Rebbe reportedly sent a delegation last night to Rabbi Soloveichik in his Boston home, urging him to recant.)

Part of the new agreement would be a public declaration from the Conservative and Reform movements in the U.S. to the effect that circumcision, ritual immersion and acceptance of the Bible commandments are an inseparable part of their conversion procedures.

But an Independent Liberal Party leader, Yehuda Shaari, MK, told The Post last night that the key was not only the manner of conversion to Judaism, which was not in fundamental question from any side. The question was whether all movements — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform — had an equal right to convert, even by the standard process.

Baram: Squeeze won't cost country jobs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Minister Moshe Baram said yesterday that the economic measures the Government is to take "within a day or two" will not cause unemployment. Speaking to the press on the eve of "Productivity Week" here, Mr. Baram said, "Anyhow, we are short 10,000 to 11,000 workers today. Even if the economy slows down somewhat, there will still be plenty of work for everybody."

Efficiency, Mr. Baram added, could help Israel to emerge from its present economic distress. He intimated that the Government's new economic measures will include tax deductions for earnings achieved through greater efficiency, but refused to elaborate.

The head of the National Productivity Institute, Yisrael Medan, said that Israel's rate of productivity growth has been constantly dropping. Israel now is in 11th place in the world, with 4 or 5 per cent yearly increase in productivity. Several years ago it occupied sixth place.

A survey the Institute made indicated that the greatest efficiency is in industrial plants employing 200 to 250 workers. In larger enterprises efficiency drops considerably — because of lack of professional management, Mr. Medan believes.

During Productivity Week, which starts today, meetings on efficiency will be held in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. The Week's highlight is the award of the Kaplan Prizes, to be held in Jerusalem Thursday (July 11).

HEAVY TRAFFIC. — Departing passengers at Ben-Gurion Airport — mostly Israelis — queue up at the customs station to declare their dutiable belongings. (Shaya Segal)

Four killed on roads in two days

Four persons, including two children, were killed in traffic accidents over the past two days.

Yesterday, four-year-old Mahmud Rashid was killed in Kalkilya when he was struck by a car driven by a Kafr Kassem resident. The driver of the car was held for questioning.

Another four-year-old child, Ofer Michael of Mahaneh David, was struck by a train and killed while crossing the railway-line south of Haifa on Sunday.

In another accident on Sunday Nissim Cohen, 24, of Beit Shemesh was killed when his motorcycle collided with a truck on the coastal highway south of Netanya. The truck, which was travelling in the opposite direction, swerved into the motorcyclist after going out of control when one of its tires blew out.

About 1.30 a.m. on Sunday, a pedestrian, Mazrea Mahpari, 54, of Amishav, was killed in a hit-and-run accident on the Kfar Sirkin — Petah Tikva road. Police are searching for the truck — described by an eye-witness as being of a brownish or greyish colour — which is believed to have been involved. The public is asked to be on the alert for a truck answering this description which may have sustained some damage on the right-hand side in the accident.

Alignment MKs to be whipped into attendance

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Alignment Knesset faction's embarrassment at some of its slim majorities in the budget debate last week has prompted its leaders to pull their socks up.

The faction executive, meeting yesterday, passed a series of decisions aimed at preparing for future voting emergencies before the emergencies occur.

In a sweeping decision (whose effectiveness remains to be tested in practice) the Alignment executive decided that all Alignment MKs are obliged to attend all sessions of the plenum and all committee meetings. They may only absent themselves with prior permission of the Alignment whips.

The executive also decided to form a small subcommittee to approach all faction members with extra-parliamentary commitments which prevent their regular attendance at the House, and work out some modus vivendi with them. Executive member Zvi Gershuni said: "We can't get along smoothly with Alignment MKs who stay away from the Knesset."

In a mini-debate on the Alignment's problems with its slim Coalition of 61, David Coren warned of the grave repercussions among the public from the Coalition's dependence on the New Communists. Avraham Shiberberg said that, despite the wish to see the NRP back in the fold, he would not like to see them return "at the expense of the ILP and the CRM."

Avraham Gevelber (of Ahdut Ha'avoda) said the surest way to get the NRP back in was to prove to them that the Alignment could manage very well without them.

Gvati choice for sec'y of Labour Party

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party circles now believe Haim Gvati, former Minister of Agriculture, will be the favoured candidate for the post of secretary-general of the party — if he wants it. Mr. Gvati's name was among the eight mentioned on Sunday in the special committee set up by the party to sift through the candidates and recommend one. The outgoing secretary-general, Aharon Yadlin, is expected to see Mr. Gvati this week.

If Mr. Gvati refuses, Meir Zarmi of Ma'ayan Zvi, is believed to be the second choice.

The other candidates are Ya'acov Kreisman, Mayor of Givatayim; Yisrael Granit, former head of the party's Organizational Department; Uzi Feinerman, former secretary of the Moshav Movement; Dov Tsamir, head of the Information Department; Uzi Baram, Secretary of the Jerusalem Branch of the party; and Meir Batz of the Beersheba Municipality.

No p.m. parking on east side of T.A.'s Ibn Gvirol

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — As of yesterday afternoon, all parking is forbidden during the afternoon rush on the east side of Rehov Ibn Gvirol here, to facilitate the northbound flow of traffic. Six police tow-trucks were in action yesterday to tow away offenders.

The move, the second phase of parking control on the major artery, bans parking between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and between noon and 3 p.m. on Fridays. The aim is to spare drivers returning home in North Tel Aviv and beyond the Yarkon their daily traffic tie-ups.

A similar arrangement exists for the morning hours with regard to southbound traffic. Between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. parking is forbidden on the west side of Ibn Gvirol to add another lane for drivers. The morning experiment has been highly successful, cutting driving time for most motorists by half.

The aim is to eventually make all of Ibn Gvirol one way — for southbound traffic in the morning and for northbound traffic in the afternoon.

The City has provided parking space for 3,168 cars in 15 parking lots along the route. Three new lots are now being prepared for 550 more cars. They are located at Leisin, Hashoftim and Pumpidita streets.

Official quitting over Jewish Qtr. scandal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The chairman of the Company for the Reconstruction of Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter, Yehuda Tamir, is reportedly to leave the post within the next few days in the wake of newspaper articles critical of the government company's policy for allocating apartments in the quarter. According to these reports, he is to be replaced by former Attorney-General Ervin Shimron.

In a series of articles in "Maariv," reporter Israel Harel revealed last month that many of the heavily subsidized apartments in the quarter went to Housing Ministry officials and other persons of influence. Among these were Zvi Gluzman, former Jerusalem district director of the Housing Ministry; Micha Talmon, a senior official in the Lands Administration; and Joe Golan, former secretary to Dr. Nahum Goldmann. Many of these apartments were more than 200 square metres in size — some were even as large as 300 sq.m. — while ordinary apartments measure about 100 square metres.

Although a list of applicants existed, Mr. Harel wrote, many apartments were given out of turn to late applicants.

Mr. Harel said that the people moving into the quarter, almost all of them financially comfortable, were receiving apartments heavily subsidized by the public purse. A person signing a contract in 1972 for a 100 sq.m. apartment, which had cost the company IL140,000 to build (including compensation payments to Arabs and infrastructure costs) was charged only IL75,000. Of this, IL45,000 was made available in the form of a mortgage on exceptionally easy terms. Thus the purchaser had to put down only IL30,000. Mr. Harel reported that prices in the quarter did not go up for years, despite skyrocketing costs.

Although all persons buying apartments in the quarter are obliged by their contract to make it their permanent residence, Mr. Harel revealed that a good number were not living there. Some apartments were rented out and some used as part-time residences. One large apartment, he reported, was sold to one Harry Zibenberg, who is not even an Israeli resident. The writer said that the list of applicants for apartments was kept secret by the company.

Ha'oved Hadati meeting today

Jerusalem Post Reported

TEL AVIV. — The Ha'oved Hadati faction in the Histadrut will hold a one-day national convention at Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem today. The 201 delegates have been appointed without elections, on the strength of the results of the Histadrut elections last September, Ha'oved Hadati (the religious workers' organization) obtained 33,000 votes.

Ha'oved Hadati is traditionally aligned with the Labour Movement, and many of its members are also members in the Labour Party, spokesmen of the organization told the press yesterday. The faction was started 29 years ago by Prof. Yeshayahu Leibowitz, Avraham Erlich and Y.Z. Eshkoli. Five years ago a number of religious members of ex-Mapai joined Ha'oved Hadati.

Woman gets life for killing lover

HAIFA. — A local woman convicted of the premeditated murder last month of her lover was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment by the District Court here.

Hanna Mizrahi, 23, a divorcee with two children, was found guilty of killing former sailor Yosef Mekano, 34, on June 10 with a bread knife on Haifa's Rushmiya Bridge.

The prosecution said Mekano had once lived with the woman, but had deserted her for another woman. On the night of the murder he visited her at her flat and she tried to persuade him to return to her. When he refused and left the flat she took a bread knife and went after him, catching up with him on the Rushmiya Bridge. An argument ensued, and she stabbed him in the neck with the knife.

Defence attorney Gil Paz pleaded that his client was under the influence of drugs at the time and was thus not responsible for her actions. The court dismissed this, noting that some four hours had passed between the time the effect of the drugs began to wear off and the time of the murder.

It also pointed out that Mizrahi had considered killing herself as soon as she realized what she had done, noting that this reaction indicated "clear and consistent thought." (Itim)

Dayan may testify in Defence C'ttee on Ma'alot

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan may appear before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee to clarify various details in connection with the Ma'alot school massacre, which the Horev Report, examining the affair, was not explicit about.

Committee chairman Yitzhak Navon told The Post that Mr. Dayan had assured him of his readiness to attend a committee session if he is officially invited.

Mr. Navon said the committee had not discussed inviting Mr. Dayan.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Justice Minister Haim Zadok are due to appear in the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee today, for its third meeting on the report of the Horev Committee probe into the Ma'alot massacre.

Last night it was considered likely, but not definite, that the Government would publish the report on Wednesday and make a statement in the Knesset the same day, followed by a debate.

The Horev Report noted that not all the information in the hands of the former Defence Minister, the Police Minister (Shlomo Hillel) and Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur at Ma'alot on the day of the raid was transmitted to Jerusalem, where the Cabinet was sitting in emergency session most of the day. The Cabinet was apparently not informed of the terrorists' conditions concerning negotiation through the French and Rumanian ambassadors, and concerning the release of the pupils in the beleaguered school.

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acquired might be turned to non-peaceful purposes.

Asked when Israel might resume diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and whether this question was related to the fate of Soviet Jewry, Rabin said:

"It was Moscow which severed relations during the 1967 war. Regardless of our differences of opinion I think lines of communication between our two countries are essential to prevent misunderstandings in the future — and perhaps even to build understanding. But the Soviet Union has to take the initiative. We are ready to resume diplomatic relations tomorrow. Free emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel will no doubt be discussed in this context."

Speaking about relations between Europe and Israel, Rabin said that European countries are having second thoughts about their behaviour during the Yom Kippur War. "On reflection, many people in many countries want to weigh what was done in the past in view of the last developments and what might happen in the future."

The Israel Premier said that he was encouraged by his talks with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson. "I hope that certain misunderstandings have been removed and that there will now be an improvement of relations between our two countries."

Prior to his press conference, Rabin spent 45 minutes in his hotel room with Opposition leader Edward Heath. The discussions were devoted mainly to possible developments in the Middle East.

Earlier in the morning, he breakfasted with 250 representatives of Anglo-Jewry, and later lunched with leaders of the Joint Israel Appeal fund-raising organization.

In an interview published in Washington on Sunday, Rabin said that the Golan Heights would never be returned to Syria — even in the context of a full peace treaty. Asked by "Newsweek" if Israel would be willing to return all Syrian territory captured in 1967 to achieve a peace treaty with Syria, he said:

"Even in the context of a final peace treaty, we cannot give up the Golan Heights. For 19 years we experienced the meaning of topographical advantages the Syrians had over us. There can be no return to the high risks that our populated area in the Hula Valley suffered. Syrian control of the Heights, even with real peace, would present a permanent strategic threat to Israel."

Hebrew University honours Katzir at Ph.D ceremony

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received an honorary doctorate from the Hebrew University, which cited him for "combining his scientific career as a biophysicist of world stature with devoted service to the nation." The President started his scientific career at the Hebrew University in 1932, when it was located only on Mount Scopus.

Mr. Katzir was honoured together with seven other distinguished scientists and public figures from North and South America, England and Israel yesterday at the University's annual conferment of higher degrees in the Mona Bronfman Sheckman Amphitheatre. Doctoral degrees were awarded to 59 students in the faculty of science, 38 in the humanities, 19 in agriculture, 17 in medicine, 13 in the social sciences and two in law. Fourteen of the new Ph.Ds were women.

The ceremony opened with the audience standing during a memorial prayer for the 124 students, teachers and University employees who fell during the Yom Kippur War. Two doctoral students received their degrees posthumously. The widow and the father of Ye'acov Assa stepped forward to receive his *cum laude* doctorate in agriculture, and the widow of Arye Tweg accepted his degree in the humanities.

The seven *honoris causa* doctorates were conferred on Mordechai Ardon, noted Israeli painter and teacher of generations of artists; Prof. Clarence W. Efroymson, Emeritus Professor of Economics at Butler University, Indianapolis; chemistry professor Regina Feigl of Brazil, philanthropist and prominent leader of South American Jewry; Prof. Bernard Lewis of England, historian and one of the greatest living Islamic scholars; and Prof. Arnaldo D. Momigliano, scion of a rabbinical family of Northern Italy and professor of Ancient History at University College, London.

The non-academics receiving doctorates were Philip David Sang, Chicago Zionist leader and sponsor of Jewish education and culture; and Charles E. Smith, philanthropist and prominent lay leader of the Washington D.C. community.

Chemistry professor Izaak M. Kolthoff of the University of Minnesota was prevented by ill health from attending the ceremony, and will receive his honourary degree at a later date.

The University's Solomon Bublick Prize was awarded to Michael Sacher, who was hailed as the "worthy scion of a distinguished Anglo-Jewish family and the faithful standard-bearer of a tradition of faithful service to the Jewish people and the Zionist ideal."

Thanking the Hebrew University on behalf of the new honorary doctors, Prof. Bernard Lewis quipped: "I'm glad I got my degree *honoris causa*, because with the high standards of this university I'm not sure I could have made it the regular way."

Egyptian, 3 Gaza men jailed for espionage

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A 35-year-old Egyptian spy who infiltrated into Sinai during the October War was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment in military court here Sunday.

Mohammed Hassan Tihah crossed into Sinai during the war and spent about a month hiding in a cave. He was caught in December last year while trying to make his way back to Egypt. The army prosecutor told the court that Tihah had worked with two Egyptian intelligence officers in Sinai in 1967. In 1969 he had attempted to enter Israel from Jordan but was turned back.

The court also sentenced three Gaza men — Ishak Ahmed Shaker, 17, Juma'a Mohammed Tarush, 22, and Hamdi Mohammed Hilweh, 19 — to five years' imprisonment each for conspiring to spy for Egypt. Together with a Tsiyiba man — Farid Abdul Kader, 22, who will be tried later by an Israeli court — the three attempted to cross into Egypt and get in touch with Egyptian intelligence.

Saboteur suspects arrested in Jenin

JENIN. — Four local residents who allegedly planned sabotage activities in Zichron Ya'acov and other sites in Israel were arrested in March and are to be brought to trial this month, it was announced Sunday.

Two of the four, Mohammed Awis and Badia Awis, allegedly travelled to Syria last year, where they made contact with an enemy group and trained in the use of arms and explosives. They were reportedly told where to find explosives in a hiding place near the village of Deir Sharaf on the Nablus-Tulkarm road.

On their return, the two allegedly organized the other two accused — Adnan Dasuki and Isa Saida — into their group and guided them in the use of explosives. (Itim)

Allon calls air raids self-defence

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has informed the Rumanian Government that Israel's air raids on Arab terrorist bases in Lebanon were carried out in self-defence.

The Foreign Ministry said Mr. Allon yesterday sent a note through Rumanian Ambassador Ion Covaci in reply to one received from the Rumanian Foreign Ministry last week, protesting the Israeli raids.

In his reply Mr. Allon said Lebanon gave shelter to Arab terrorists who carried out attacks inside Israel.

The border between the two countries could be closed to such action only if both governments wished it, he said.

Israel could not accept the Lebanese contention that it was unable to control sabotage activities from its territory, Mr. Allon said. He noted that Lebanon had been able to do so in the past, and that there was no reason why it could not act as other Arab countries had done to prevent incursions from their territories. (Itim)

3,000 cases in search of a judge

HAIFA. — About 3,000 court cases are in suspended animation at the Magistrates' Court here, with no dates set for hearings because of the lack of judges. The shortage has arisen as a result of the retirement, recent or pending, of two judges — Haifa Chief Magistrate Miriam Starkman-Verlinsky and Dr. Ya'acov Hans Lewin — and of the transfer to the District Court of Eliezer David Bar. No successors have yet been appointed for any of them.

Of the 3,000 cases, 2,200 are civil, the rest criminal.

Germany beats Israel 24-15 in handball

HOLON. — West Germany last night beat the Israel national handball team 24-15 in an international match played here. The Germans led 12-7 at half-time.

A return match will be played tomorrow night, also in Holon.

14 yeshiva boys held after fight on Mt. Zion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A fight yesterday morning on Mount Zion between yeshiva students from the U.S. and American Christian theology students ended with the arrest of 14 yeshiva students. A Municipality spokesman said the yeshiva students were guilty of an act of hooliganism.

The fight erupted when students from the Diaspora Yeshiva on Mount Zion tried to move into the wing of a building on the south-western corner of the hill, which had been taken over by the American Institute of Holy Land Studies, operated by Rev. G. Douglas Young. The yeshiva students, who claimed that the Institute had no right to the wing, broke through the locked door. Both sides claimed that the other wielded lead pipes in the fracas and several persons were reported injured. One institute official had several ribs broken.

Police were summoned and attempted to calm the situation. When the yeshiva students refused to leave the scene, 14 were arrested. The police said the students resisted forcibly. Yeshiva students charged that the police used mace, a paralysing chemical spray, and threw rocks.

Both sides agree that the building, including the disputed wing, is owned by the Church of England. Until last week, the wing had been occupied by a Jewish religious girls' school, which had been operating under a licence obtained from the church by the Mount Zion Commission, headed by S.Z. Kahane. The rest of the building has been occupied for the past 13 years by the American Institute, which provides courses in archaeology and modern Israel for visiting students.

A church spokesman said last night that the Mount Zion Commission's licence had expired more than a year ago and that it had not been renewed. He said the girls' school had turned over its keys to the church on Friday, and that possession had in turn been handed over to Rev. Young's Institute. A spokesman for the Mount Zion Commission could not be reached last night. The yeshiva had wanted to transfer its own girls' school to the wing.

TENS OF THOUSANDS of pounds worth of merchandise was stolen over the weekend from the warehouses of Igud Hatzarchanim in Rehov Giborei Yisrael, Tel Aviv. Cigarettes and liquor accounted for most of the stolen goods.

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Paris meeting aims to rescue Syrian Jewry

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Over 100 public figures and intellectuals from 30 countries around the world — the majority of them non-Jewish — will meet in Paris tomorrow in a dramatic and perhaps final effort to rescue Syrian Jewry.

The announcement was made at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn, chairman of the Israel Committee for the Rescue of Jews in Arab Lands, who is one of three Israelis invited to attend the conference.

"We believe the 3,500 Jews in Syria have reached the limits of their endurance," said Justice Cohn, and we hope to raise a chorus of protest that will be heard the world over." He added that the relaxation of tension between Syria and Israel since their disengagement agreement may facilitate a settlement of the problem.

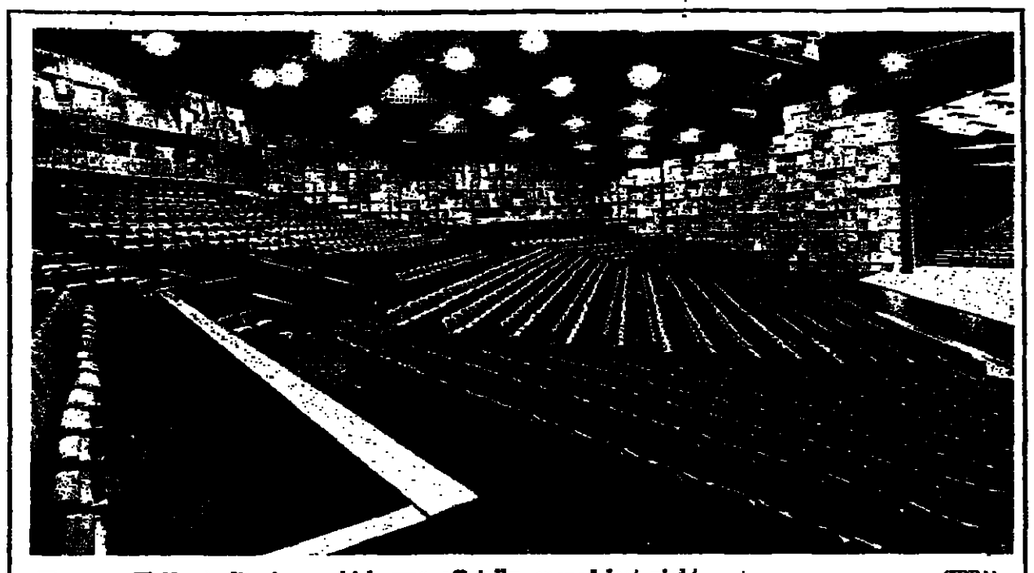
The meeting, initiated by the French Committee for the Rescue of Jews in Arab Lands, will be held at the Grand Hotel under the chairmanship of French Senate President Alain Poher. Of the 118 delegates, 17 are from Europe, 17 from South America, eight from North America and two from Asia. They will discuss the current state of the Jewish community in Syria and exchange ideas on how to alleviate its plight. The organizers have published a booklet in English, Spanish and French about the persecution in Syria, and plan to publicize the convention's decisions in the near future through another pamphlet to be distributed worldwide.

Questioned about yesterday's revelation in Paris of the escape of 92 Syrian Jews with the help of American and Lebanese agents, Justice Cohn said: "The Jews' predicament is critical but we still hope to find a way to free them through an agreement with Syria."

Justice Cohn told the reporters that, since the Yom Kippur War, the Syrians have been too preoccupied with other matters to escalate their terror against the encircled Jewish community. The exception is the Syrian-Turkish border town of Kamishli, where the Jews are watched by an armed military force.

He is encouraged by reports that two Jews — Yosef Shalah and Azur Zalta — who are being tried for the murder of four Jewish women near the Lebanese border, have had their charge reduced to smuggling. In addition, their trial is no longer closed to the public, since the defendants' families and some foreign lawyers are being allowed to observe the proceedings.

"I firmly believe that this moderation of the Syrians' stand is due to the public outcry raised throughout the world on the behalf of the Jews," concluded Justice Cohn.



The new Haifa Auditorium, which was officially opened last night. (IPPA)

HOUSING MINISTER ASSURES:

No slowdown in immigrant flats

ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There will be no slowdown in construction of housing for immigrants, young couples or slum evacuees in the coming year, despite the anti-inflationary measures about to be imposed, Housing Minister Avraham Ofer said yesterday.

In his first meeting with the press since taking office, Mr. Ofer said that a freeze would be placed on construction of luxury apartments and public buildings, probably until the end of the fiscal year. An exception to this rule will be public buildings such as schools to be built in new neighbourhoods. But construction of schools in older neighborhoods will be halted.

Mr. Ofer said the building industry in Israel was involved in IL2 billion worth of projects more than it could handle and that a slowdown was therefore necessary. He said his ministry would give priority to three areas — Jerusalem, development towns (particularly in Galilee), and the redevelopment of rundown areas, such as South Tel Aviv.

Emphasizing the necessity of population dispersal, Mr. Ofer said that most apartments to be built by the ministry will be in development areas and not in the coastal strip. He noted that the 30,000-35,000 apartments to be built by the ministry during the year will constitute 60 per cent of residential construction in the country.

Mr. Ofer said 16,000 "housing solutions" would be required for immigrants during the year. Of this number, 12,000 are to be provided in the form of new apartments to be built by the ministry. The remainder of the newcomers are expected to find solutions by buying used apartments with the help of a Government mortgage.

Most of the 10,000 unit backlog in immigrant housing will be overcome by the end of next year, he said.

Eight thousand apartments are to be built for young couples and 10,000 for families living in overcrowded conditions. Mr. Ofer said the ministry was preparing a plan for rental apartments in which private contractors will receive large Government loans in order to build apartments for rental at moderate prices. The contractor will have little or no profit from the rental, but the apartment will revert to him after 15-20 years for sale.

Mr. Ofer said he planned to establish a building advisory council composed of engineers, architects, workers' representatives and others.

Close to 20 per cent of the building industry was industrialized, he said, and the figure would be 30 per cent in a year or two. In advanced countries abroad, he said, less than 20 per cent of construction was industrialized.

Safad chosen as urban centre for all Galilee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mr. Ofer, who has been dropping hints in recent weeks that a Galilee site is to be developed as a major urban centre, indicated yesterday that Safad had been chosen. He said that the city, whose present population is 13,600, will grow to 100,000 in the coming generation.

Interior Ministry officials, however, said last night that under the national plan for population dispersal there will be no more than 45,000 residents in Safad by 1992.

Mr. Ofer has termed it vital to develop "a Beersheba of the North" to serve as a springboard for the development of the Galilee.

DIMONA MAN TO BE HONOURED

Bomb found on B'sheba bus safely dismantled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A time-bomb was found and safely dismantled aboard a Dimona-Beersheba bus yesterday morning, thanks to the vigilance of a Dimona factory worker who was among the passengers.

The bus, the first in the Beersheba area to be booby-trapped, had earlier carried Arab workers from Hebron to Dimona. Police immediately rounded up some 95 Arab workers, 44 of whom were still being questioned last night.

The bomb — in the form of a parcel — was discovered by Dimona resident Sami Masti, 32, at 8.05 a.m. when the packed bus was about nine kilometres east of Beersheba. Masti, a former paratrooper, immediately stopped the bus and evacuated all passengers. He then hitchhiked to Beersheba and informed police. The police sapper who dismantled the parcel found it contained explosives and a clock.

The Beersheba police spokesman, Rav-Pakad Asher Davidowitz told *The Post* yesterday that all Egged drivers have standing orders to check their buses when they arrive at their last stop and when they leave. The driver of this particular bus had apparently not done so.

The police added that they would recommend Masti, an employee of Arad Chemicals, for an award.

Dimona Mayor Ya'acov Laredo told *The Post* that Masti, who is married and has four children, is having difficulty with housing. The Municipality will decide on its own reward for Masti at its next meeting, he said.

Cabbie finds IL50,000 in Tel Aviv street

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A briefcase with IL50,000 worth of foreign currency and diamonds was found yesterday by a Tel Aviv taxi driver and turned over to the Yarkon police station. The driver, Haim Varesno, spotted the briefcase on the sidewalk at the corner of Karl Netter and Montefiore Streets here.

Varesno has made a hobby of spotting lost items such as wallets and bringing them to the nearest police station. He began with items in his cab, and from there turned to spotting lost items lying on sidewalks.

Yesterday, in the biggest find of his career, Varesno spotted a small briefcase, while cruising in Tel Aviv. Ramming on his brakes, he walked over to the abandoned object and cautiously picked it up; on opening it he saw a treasure in currency and diamonds.

He took it straight to the Yarkon police station, where police began trying to find its owner. In the meantime Varesno was called in by the head of the Yarkon police subdistrict, Nitzav-Mishne Moshe Tiomkin, who praised him for his past work and for yesterday's find. But he also warned the cabbie to be careful in the future, as some abandoned briefcases might contain explosives.

The police will honour Varesno in the near future.

Woman over 100 dies in Hadera

HADERA. — One of Israel's oldest residents, Morocco-born Suli Avitan of Givat Olga, died on Sunday. She was more than 100 years old.

Members of her family did not know her exact age, but noted that she retained her faculties right to the end. She smoked cigarettes and enjoyed an occasional game of cards, they said.

She leaves an 80-year-old daughter, a 50-year-old granddaughter, a 25-year-old great-granddaughter, and an 8-year-old great-great-granddaughter. (Itim)

El Al blocking use of Atarot, private operator charges

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The Ministry of Transport, the Civil Aviation Authority and El Al were yesterday charged with obstructing the use of Atarot, Jerusalem's municipal airfield. It was recently given a IL10m. "face-lift" to qualify it for international air traffic.

The charge came from Yitzhak Gadish, managing director of Maof, a company which conducts air tours. At a press conference at Beit Sokolow here he claimed he had a major one-year contract to bring thousands of pilgrims directly from Germany to Jerusalem all "sown up," but Ministry of Transport and civil aviation authorities were now reneging on written pledges given on the arrangement. He charged pressure was brought to bear on the authorities by El Al.

Any further delays in ratifying the deal with the German tour operators would lead to the contract's cancellation, Mr. Gadish said.

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Recounting the development of the deal, Gadish said that his company had applied for an air tour operator's licence 18 months ago. He was told that a condition of the licence was that he use Atarot as a home base for his company's aircraft.

He believed that the only hope for Atarot was to bring charter flights directly to Jerusalem, since the inland and UN flights using the municipal field didn't provide sufficient passenger turnover to justify recent investments made in Atarot. Even restaurant licencee Haim Shiff hasn't opened up yet, he said.

Regular scheduled passenger airlines balk at the idea of flying to Jerusalem for political reasons — they would be immediately blacklisted by all Arab countries — apart from the fact that the field is still limited technically to medium-sized aircraft, Mr. Gadish noted.

Following protracted negotiations with the Civil Aviation Authority, Gadish was given charter option rights to the Jerusalem facility provided his flights were restricted to *bona fide* pilgrim groups and that his prices did not entail dumping rates. In addition, El Al gets first option.

Maof won a major charter contract from *Touristik Union International* (TUI), one of Europe's bigger carriers. As agreed, a first option was offered to El Al, which entered into independent negotiations with the German carrier. The upshot was a wholesale rescinding of the deal by TUI.

Explaining its backtracking, the *Touristik Union* international management explained that the question raised was no longer one of obtaining landing rights "but of an attitude of the State of Israel as represented in air transportation by its official airline, El Al.

"We are businessmen and trying to maintain good business relations with everybody. In Israel we had the impression that any decision taken would deprive us of our neutral stand and would catapult us into politics. The situation in Israel differed even in comparison to Greece, Turkey and Algeria, where we were also confronted with the question of either flying the national carrier or carrying out our flights by charter. But there this decision was decided only by economic criteria, whereas in Israel it appeared to have become an affair of state."

Maof subsequently succeeded in negotiating a similar contract with a second company, Germanair. Again a first option was offered to El Al, which was to fly the pilgrims to Jerusalem. Mr. Gadish, however, claimed that El Al would be unable to fly the passengers to Jerusalem since its 707s could not land at Atarot. Germanair had offered to fly its pilgrims in three-engined BAC-111s, which could land at Atarot. An El Al spokesman yesterday declared that his company had promised to land in Jerusalem, although some aviation experts have their doubts the 707s can land at Atarot fully loaded in winter.

Meanwhile, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi has postponed his decision on the matter although Gadish claims that the pilgrim flights have already been endorsed and approved by the Ministry of Tourism. Mr. Gadish stressed that the entire venture was strictly within the limitations of the charter policy adopted by the Government earlier.

"It is inconceivable that pledges made by a minister should not be honoured, especially since considerable investments of time and money have been made," he said yesterday.

'Holon is home for Tel Aviv welfare cases'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON. — The Municipality here has accused its next-door neighbour, Tel Aviv, of ridding itself of social welfare cases by moving them to Holon.

Holon cited several cases in which the Tel Aviv Municipality had rented flats for its welfare cases in Holon. In some cases the destitute persons involved were given several months rent and were found an apartment in Holon. In others the Tel Aviv Social Work Department rented the flats outright and paid the rent directly.

The Holon Municipality is afraid that after several months the persons moved to Holon will be considered city residents and the burden of caring for them will fall on the Holon Municipality. Holon demands that Tel Aviv stop this practice immediately.

The Tel Aviv municipal spokesman admitted that there were several cases in which flats were rented in Holon, "but this is because that is where flats were available. After all, this whole metropolitan area is in effect one large city. We will continue to care for these Tel Aviv and Jaffa families although they now live in Holon," he said.

Haifa University appointments

The following promotions and appointments at the University of Haifa were announced yesterday:

Bustenai Oded, Jewish history (associate professor); Gabriel Ben-Dor, political science (senior lecturer); Donald Sim, English (senior teacher); Reuben Aharony, in Biblical studies, Eitan Israeli, in education, and Ofira Seliktar, in political science (lecturers); Akiva Skidel, in didactics of mathematics, and Israel Ring, education (teachers).

FEMINIST CENTRE OPENS IN HAIFA

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A feminist centre was opened in Ahuza Sunday night by the Women's Liberation Movement. It will offer legal, medical, psychological and vocational counselling, according to Malka Maon of the centre's executive.

The first of a series of six lectures was given at the centre Sunday night by Marcia Freedman, MK, on what it means to be a housewife. The small austere club room was filled to capacity. She cited a New York bank study which established that a housewife, the mother of two small children, works almost 100 hours a week, or 14 and a half hours daily seven days a week. There are no social benefits, no incentives, no challenge in the job. The housewife works in relative isolation, she said, enjoys no social recognition, feels guilty if she believes she has failed in her task, and is denied the right to self-advancement.

She is confined to the role of wife and mother because of social prejudice and an inequitable marriage contract.

(A young man in the audience cited the Rambam's commentary on personal status, in which he states that a woman is by law and duty bound to wash her husband's hands and feet.)

Mrs. Freedman said that if a woman manages to avoid the fate of housewife, society regards her as a failure as a woman. Historically, men — the hunters and warriors — imposed all routine, menial tasks on the women, or kept them confined to the house through repetitive pregnancies and child-rearing. "Men appear to have been the first leisure class in society. Women never had any time for themselves," she said.

Mrs. Freedman will also give the last lecture in the series, on the long-term impact of the feminist movement.

The centre will hold open house the first Sunday evening of every month. On Wednesdays women can come for information and counselling.

The club house is also at the disposal of other women's circles. A course on natural childbirth will be opened there soon.

5 Galilee towns join forces to press demands

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — Five northern towns which have complained in the past of being discriminated against by the Government Sunday formed a committee to press their demands. The committee is composed of the mayors and local council heads of Safad, Kiryat Shmona, Shlomi, Hazor and Ma'alot.

They demanded that a special Cabinet minister be appointed for Galilee affairs. They also called for more schools, more homes, more industry and better absorption of immigrants.

New Or Yehuda elections today

OR YEHUDA. — Elections for a new Local Council take place here today following the disqualification of last December's election results. At the time a local resident complained of irregularities in the Gahal list.

Nine lists — five party slates and four local ones — are fighting the election, which has been fiercely contested, with leading figures such as the Likud's Menahem Begin and Ariel Sharon and Labour's Aharon Yariv going to the township to support their parties' candidates. Most parties stressed the importance of the election as a barometer should national elections take place in the near future.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. The results should be out soon after midnight. (Itim)

Policeman on bribe charge out on bail

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — A local police detective who was arrested last week on suspicion of taking a bribe was released on IL2,500 bond yesterday and the court ruled that details of the case could be made public.

(Last week the magistrate who ordered the suspect remanded ruled — at the suspect's request — that publication of the policeman's name and all details of the case be banned.)

The detective is Sergeant-Major Shlomo Tzarfati of the Central Division of the Tel Aviv Police District, who had been on the force for 19 years. He was suspended immediately after his arrest.

Police reported that Tzarfati had been investigating a case involving millions of pounds worth of stolen diamonds when he met Ya'acov George, the 25-year-old owner of a Petah Tikva diamond-polishing plant. He allegedly told George — who was suspected of purchasing stolen gems — that he would go easy on him in return for $5,000.

George's lawyer informed the police of the impending "deal," and George was equipped with a police tape recorder with which to record his next conversation with Tzarfati. The tape records Tzarfati fixing a meeting with George at which he was to receive the $5,000 payoff.

The police are continuing their investigation of the diamond theft. Pakad Shmuel Nir, head of the interrogation squad of the Central Investigations Department, is heading the investigation.

It has been reliably learned that Interpol has been called in. It was reported that most of the stolen gems were smuggled out of the country and sold abroad.

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Bat Yam wants what Holon gets

BAT YAM. — This town is protesting that it was not included this year in the plan for free 10th grade, Mayor Yitzhak Walker told a press conference here Sunday. What especially rankles Bat Yam is that neighbouring Holon has been included in the scheme.

Free and compulsory 10th grade is being introduced over a four-year period (beginning last fall), with priority to deprived populations.

The mayor pointed out that 60 per cent of the town's population is of Asian, African or Balkan origin and that 50 per cent of the living quarters are low-cost housing.

The Education Ministry has said Bat Yam is not included in the free tuition programme for the coming school year because the town does not have enough facilities to accommodate the potential 10th-grade population of 1,400.

Education Ministry officials met with representatives from Bat Yam and offered free tuition to 35 per cent of the town's 10th graders, but Bat Yam rejected this and continues to demand that "what Holon gets, we should get." (Itim)

10,000 expected at Haifa summer camps

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Some 10,000 local youngsters aged between seven and 14 are expected at municipal summer camps this year, Haifa Youth Department director Shmuel Bialik announced yesterday.

The camps, to be held mainly on the grounds of the Carmel National Park, near the Haifa University campus, are getting a IL1.25m. subsidy. This will enable them to charge only half what private camps charge, and to give needy parents of large families reductions ranging from 10 to 80 per cent, Mr. Bialik said.

All children at the camps—which are guarded by soldiers, police and others — will get breakfast. A hot lunch will be available for those whose parents request it. There will be about 20 campers to each counsellor, Mr. Bialik said, adding that each of the staffers has already had a 40-hour instruction course on how to keep children busy and happy.

The campers will go to a special section of the local seafront twice each week for bathing, supervised by swimming instructors and armed guards. Newcomers to the country will get Hebrew lessons for the first two hours of each morning.

There will also be neighbourhood camps at nine Haifa school houses and youth centres, Mr. Bialik said. These will be held during the morning, leaving the centres free for their regular afternoon and evening events for older children and adults. One such camp, at the university campus, will be for junior high school pupils who want to improve their English.

Other special camps are for artistically gifted children, who will be taught drawing, decorating, metal work, drama, ceramics and jewellery making. Children in one camp, at the Maritime Museum, will be taken on visits to the city's museums besides their regular vacation pastimes.

Throughout the city 60 kindergartens will be kept open for 1,400 children aged four to six.

At the Kfar Galim boarding college two camps will start this week. One, for the physically handicapped is run in conjunction with Ilan; the other is for religious children. As was done last year, a "family camp" at the Carmel youth hostel will admit 70 mothers and 150 children from needy families. At the camp the children will be cared for by professional nurses while the mothers take a rest; "the only one most of them get all year," Mr. Bialik commented.

Army to guard Scout camps

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The army has informed the Scout Movement (*Tzofim*) of its "agreement in principle" to mount guards on two central scout camps during the summer holiday — the national director of the Scouts, Nahman Gil, told *The Post* yesterday.

He hoped the camps would start operating on July 10, "provided enough parents register their children." He called on parents to send their children as usual.

Originally Mr. Gil had expected about half the country's 40,000 Scouts (who include 12,000 Arabs) to attend camp this summer. It had been decided to concentrate them all in two central camps, to ease the army's task.

The Scouts had appealed to the Chief of Staff because no Minister or institution had wanted to take responsibility for the camps. The police had agreed to let them be held, he said, but had raised "impossible" conditions.

The Scouts have not yet received an answer on the question of the annual work camps they hold during the summer in villages along the Lebanese border.

The movement yesterday began its 38th convention at a youth hostel in the North. The 300 delegates are discussing political involvement of Scouts in the country's affairs, especially since the Yom Kippur War.

Nature Protection Society tightens tour security

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Nature Protection Society has invested IL400,000 to tighten security on its hikes, the purchasing of additional communications equipment and arms and fencing off its overnight field schools.

Announcing this yesterday, the society said it was going ahead with its large-scale programme of excursions for the summer and called on other institutions to do the same and not to yield to terrorist threats.

The society announced that the first groups of 2,000 youngsters from abroad (brought here on summer programmes by the Jewish Agency) began touring the country yesterday. They are housed in field schools. A group of 100 Israeli youth movement counsellors will start a course today which will enable them to lead their own groups on a series of nature hikes in August.

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Limping Nixon in Minsk

MOSCOW (UPI). — A limping President Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev took a break from their summit yesterday in reported agreement on what they want to achieve this year toward ending the arms race.

The phlebitis in Nixon's left leg caused him to favour it as he moved down a receiving line outside this war-demolished and rebuilt city and then breezed over to joke and shake hands with about 150 welcomers waving U.S. and Soviet flags.

His doctors said the President was unconcerned about the blood clot condition in his leg although it was obviously annoying him. He appeared relaxed and in a good mood with two days left in his week long visit.

Nixon and Brezhnev parted company in the Crimea — the American leader flying to Minsk and the Communist Party general secretary returning to Moscow — after a weekend on the Black Sea. They will meet again today.

Soviet sources said that from their seven hours of talks on Sunday emerged a "sense of understanding" on what the two superpowers want to accomplish by the end of the year in the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (Salt).

The sources agreed with earlier U.S. assessments that there would be no breakthrough summit agreement on curbing the huge stocks of nuclear offensive weaponry on each side.

But they said Nixon and Brezhnev during the weekend clarified the further steps their negotiators will take to get the Salt talks in Geneva off dead centre. There were no details.

From their weekend Black Sea retreat, the two leaders rode together during the 90-minute motorcade to Simferopol Airport through thousands of waving spectators. Mrs. Nixon's car broke down and the procession paused for her to get into another.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger flew back to Moscow with Brezhnev and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and was continuing talks with Gromyko on a U.S.-Soviet communique to be signed before Nixon leaves tomorrow.

Nixon and his wife went to Minsk, a city 640 kms. southwest of Moscow, to help celebrate its recognition as a "hero city" for rebuilding from the rubble of World War II to an industrial city of 1.1 million today. He left for Moscow late in the day.

President Nixon engulfed by a crowd of Russians waving American and Byelorussian flags on his arrival in Minsk yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Runs off with American girl

Mikhail Barishnikov, top Soviet dancer, defects in Canada

TORONTO. — Top Soviet ballet dancer Mikhail Barishnikov was reported yesterday to be missing in Canada with an American girl. Canadian police sources said he had defected to the West.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation said Barishnikov, 26, rated by critics as one of the world's best male dancers, had contacted the Immigration Department here through an unnamed lawyer and was expected to be granted a hearing, probably tomorrow.

In a radio interview, Canadian External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp declined to speculate about Barishnikov's receiving asylum, but said he would receive a sympathetic hearing. He was not aware of any direct contact between the Soviet Embassy and his Ministry over the case.

The dancer disappeared from the touring Soviet Bolshoi Ballet troupe on Sunday night after completing a series of performances in Toronto.

One unconfirmed report said that as the troupe was returning from a reception to mark the end of their Toronto visit Sunday night, the dancer stepped into a car and was driven away.

He is reported to be now with Christine Berlin, the daughter of Richard Berlin, who was for 32 years president and chief executive of the Hearst Publishing Corporation. One friend said Barishnikov was understood to have met and grown fond of Miss Berlin while he was appearing in London in 1970.

The "Toronto Globe and Mail" said yesterday it had been handed a note by a group calling itself Friends of the Dancer which said that Barishnikov had left the USSR "to pursue his career in the west."

Barishnikov, leading male dancer of Leningrad's Kirov Ballet (the former troupe of new Israeli Valery Panov) was on loan to the Bolshoi.

The Canadian Press news agency said the dancer's disappearance placed in question the continuation of the tour by the Bolshoi, which flew to Vancouver Sunday night. It quoted a source close to the promoters as saying he did not see how it could go on "with this business hanging over its head, especially since Barishnikov was the only real reason the tickets were selling."

The Bolshoi tour here comprises mainly second-string dancers.

Born in Riga, Latvia, Barishnikov studied ballet from the age of 11, was accepted by the Kirov school in Leningrad at 17 and worked under Alexander Pushkin there. He won the first gold medal at the first International Dance Competition in Moscow in 1969, a major event in the ballet world. *(Reuter, UPI)*

Reporter George Leonof adds:

Valery Panov yesterday expressed amazement at the news of the defection and described Barishnikov as "probably the last great classical ballet dancer in the world." Panov who had worked together with Barishnikov in the Kirov Ballet, said that he would never have thought Barishnikov would take such a step.

He did not elaborate but said that Barishnikov was probably influenced by the draconic measures taken by the Soviet authorities against non-complying members of the Soviet intelligentsia, including those taken against Panov and his wife.

Galina Panov, who was with her husband in Tel Aviv yesterday, said "It's a curious thing, you know: Barishnikov was my muse, my inspiration. And now my muse has flown," she added with a chuckle. Galina partnered Barishnikov during a Kirov Ballet tour of Japan in 1971.

Barishnikov executing a movement.

BEATE KLARSFELD TRIAL HELD UP AFTER UPROAR IN COLOGNE COURT

French resistance fighters heckle witness

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COLOGNE. — The trial here of Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld broke up in disorder yesterday when former French resistance fighters and war victims heckled a major witness and sang the French national anthem.

The judge adjourned the hearing after the uproar in the public gallery, which came during the testimony of Kurt Lischka, 65-year-old former Gestapo chief of Paris. Mrs. Klarsfeld allegedly tried to kidnap him.

The court earlier turned down an appeal by French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing on behalf of Mrs. Klarsfeld.

Judge Viktor de Somoskeoy said the French leader's intervention had been rejected because to heed it would amount to interference in the independence of a West German court of law, and it was not admissible as evidence.

Dr. Somoskeoy said the French President had expressed concern to the West German Government that Mrs. Klarsfeld might be given a severe prison sentence.

The French President's letter, which the judge read to the court, drew attention to the fact that the 1971 Franco-German extradition treaty had yet to be ratified by the Bonn Parliament, and it appealed for unrestricted right of testimony for French witnesses at the trial.

Until ratification of the treaty, Lischka cannot be prosecuted by West German authorities for his part in the wartime deportation of French Jews to Nazi death camps. Nor can he be transferred to France to serve the life imprisonment sentence imposed on him by the French court.

Lischka was sentenced in his absence by a French court in 1950 for his part in the deportation to death camps of 100,000 French Jews.

Mrs. Klarsfeld admits that she, her French-Jewish husband Serge and several French friends tried to abduct Lischka in order to draw attention to the delay in treaty approval. She is now using her trial on kidnapping charges as a public forum in her fight against prominent Nazis still active in West German life.

Tension mounted to a highpoint in the courtroom when Lischka was led in to testify only a few feet from where Mrs. Klarsfeld was sitting with her three defence attorneys. She appeared visibly at pains to control her emotions, seldom looking directly at Lischka and occasionally resting her forehead and covering her eyes with her right hand.

Lischka, a large, balding man with spectacles and wearing a light-coloured raincoat, carefully answered the judge's questioning on the details of the 1971 kidnapping attempt.

Only when Mrs. Klarsfeld's Israeli lawyer, Arie Marinsky, began his cross examination in an effort to bring out Lischka's role in deporting thousands of French Jews and others to concentration camps, did the former Gestapo chief's hands begin to tremble.

A tense dialogue then ensued between Marinsky and the witness:

MARINSKY: Have you any sentiments about the number 195590?

LISCHKA, I don't know what this number means.

MARINSKY: Surely you remember your personal number in the S.S.?

LISCHKA: I don't remember it any more at all.

MARINSKY: Perhaps you remember your Nazi party number?

LISCHKA: No.

MARINSKY: Why don't you want to talk about the years from 1936 to 1945? Are you ashamed?

LISCHKA: (Referring to his right to refuse testimony which might incriminate him) I refuse to answer this question.

The lawyer, seeking to show that Lischka lived a respected existence in Germany since the war's end, then tried a different approach:

MARINSKY: How long have you lived in Cologne?

LISCHKA: Since 1950.

MARINSKY: For 21 consecutive years, is that correct? Is that correct?

LISCHKA: Yes.

MARINSKY: Nobody attacked you in these years, until these people (referring to Mrs. Klarsfeld and her group)?

LISCHKA: No.

MARINSKY: Not a finger was pointed at you and nobody called you a killer?

At this point the judge objected to the phrasing of the question and Marinsky reworded his interrogation.

The judge at one point accused lawyer Marinsky of breaching court regulations by exchanging notes with an Israeli journalist and an observer from the Israeli embassy in Bonn, press attache Yehuda Milo.

Speaking in English, Mr. Marinsky fired back at the judge through an interpreter that he (Marinsky) was being accused of receiving instruction from the Israeli embassy.

He went on: "Mr. Chairman, please note that the Israeli Bar Association which sent me here seemed to be of the opinion that I am capable of conducting this case without instructions.

"I learned my legal and moral message 30 years ago when I learned that almost all of my family had been liquidated by the Nazis."

Missionaries held for aiding Communist

MANILA (AP). — Government troops have arrested an American missionary, his wife and 10-year-old son. Government sources reported that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson and their son James were found with a high-ranking leader of the outlawed Communist Party last week in Quezon City, a suburb of Manila.

A U.S. embassy spokesman said the Wilsons had been working here since last year with the National Council of Churches.

The family is being held in a military detention camp in Quezon City and is accused of offering shelter to the Communist leader, Dante Simbulan, having a printing press and possessing subversive literature.

Soviet pianist defects in Belgium

BRUSSELS (UPI). — Soviet pianist Valery Afanasiev has requested and has received political asylum in Belgium a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman did not say when Afanasiev, on a concert tour of Belgium, made the request.

Afanasiev won the 1972 Queen Elizabeth Prize here for pianists.

Inquiry request refused on Cardinal and the stripteaser

PARIS (UPI). — Francois Cardinal Marty, Archbishop of Paris, has refused a request from a Roman Catholic group for a church inquiry into the death of Jean Cardinal Danielou in the apartment of a striptease dancer, the magazine "Valeurs Actuelles" said.

The magazine interviewed Pierre Debray, leader of a conservative Catholic movement, "The Silent Majority of the Church," who wrote the Cardinal demanding high church officials form a committee of inquiry into the May 20 death of Cardinal Danielou, 69, in the flat of Pigalle stripper Mimi Santoni, 24.

Debray told the magazine he received a letter from Cardinal Marty saying, "Not being able to accept your request, I do not see the usefulness of such a meeting."

Church officials said a Cardinal had no power to launch such an inquiry without the endorsement of Pope Paul VI.

Left-wing political writer Maurice Calvel announced he is writing a book on the affair, "The Dancer and the Cardinal," which will be published by Grasset Editions in September.

A book extolling the Cardinal as a leader of the church, "Cardinal Danielou," went on sale this week for 250 francs.

JUAN DOMINGO PERON

Initiator of worker power in S. Americ

By VALERIE FERGUSON

Juan Domingo Peron's influence on his native Argentina continued long after he went into exile in 1955 after his fall from power. For although Peron was cast in the mould of a traditional dictator he was also the initiator of workers' socialism and workers' power in Latin America.

He was born of middle-class parents and educated at state schools, and nothing in his early career indicated that he would have a future other than that of countless young officer-cadets who joined a peace-time army. Yet in the 1940s and early 1950s, he became the most powerful man on the South American continent and the embodiment of radical changes in his country's policies and way of life.

In June 1943 Peron was a member of the colonels' group which unseated the reactionary and unpopular President Ramon Castillo in a military *coup d'état*. Declining such plums of office as the Ministry of Interior or Foreign Affairs, he asked for and was given a new department, the Secretariat of Labour and Welfare. Shortly afterwards his successful, nation-wide campaign for aid to relieve the earthquake-stricken provincial capital of San Juan gave him the chance to show his administrative ability. It also gave him enormous personal publicity which, in a few days, made Peron a household word, and with it that of Eva Duarte, a radio actress who broadcast for the relief campaign, and became known as his "companion."

With great shrewdness Peron built up his position, forging the Secretariat of Labour and Welfare into an instrument with which he smashed the old Socialist trades unions, and organizing a new General Federation of Labour (CGT) under union leaders completely loyal to himself. In October 1945 the colonels group took fright at his growing influence and his power over the workers, trumped up a charge against him, and forced him out of office and into jail.

This inept action almost caused a popular revolution and the inflamed workers' organizations, spurred on by Eva (now Mrs. Peron) marched on the Casa Rosada and demanded Peron's return. The colonels and President Farrell, more frightened still, gave in, and Peron came back on a great wave of popular support. He at once announced his intention of standing for the Presidency, promising to be one with his "beloved sweaty masses", his "shirtless comrades", to fight foreign capitalism and to make Argentina great.

Peron now had the labour vote and the frightened army behind him. The nationalist vote was handed to him on a plate when the U.S. Ambassador, Spruille Braden, unwisely made a speech attacking him.

The votes of the religious and the conservatives were secured both by his attacks on Communism and his marriage to Eva (he had been a widower since 1936). On June 4, 1946, the third anniversary of the *coup d'état*, he assumed office with a huge majority in both Houses of Congress.

Once in power, Peron developed the "personalist" rule of earlier Argentine leaders such as Juan Manuel de Rosas and Domingo F. Sarmiento, but brought it up to date with ploys learned from contemporary European dictators. He had been an admirer of Mussolini since his service as military attache in Italy from 1939-41 and during World War II he had complete faith in the military superiority of the Axis powers. He outlined an ambitious five-year plan to change Argentina's economy by industrializing, and in the political field he made certain that no one should thwart his purpose. He had turned Congress into a rubber-stamp.

Peron's aim was to convert Argentina into a powerful and self-sufficient modern State through social and economic revolution. Nationalism was to be the key to unlock the treasure chest of the country's potential. He was against dependence on foreign exports, dependence on alien exploiters of Argentina's natural resources, and against the rich *estancieros* who wished to keep the country in a state of feudal dependence on primary products such as meat, livestock and wool.

In social reform Peron, the bourgeois, was driven on by Evita (the popular diminutive for Eva), the girl with a poor background who bitterly resented the rich Argentine oligarchy. Her social aid organization, the *Fundacion Eva Peron*, which was financed by "voluntary" contributions from businesses, workers and the public in general, ran schools, hospitals, clinics, homes for the aged. It became almost the biggest business in the country, and all its beneficent work was done under the names of Peron and Evita. Its books were not audited and such was the power of the Perons that the masses believed Evita's ostentatiously extravagant jewellery and clothes simply signified the rich future in prospect for all.

In 1952 Evita died, and then the magic began to fade. Peron was unable to control inflation or stabilise the cost of living, wages were frozen and credit for industry suspended. He alienated the Catholic Church by giving illegitimate children the same right as those born in wedlock, and by instructing that schoolchildren should be taught that Peronismo was the one true faith of all Argentines. The discontent and unrest coalesced into an atmosphere ripe for a coup. In 1955, faced with the combined opposition of the Army, the Church, business, the middle classes and the intelligentsia, Peron fled into exile.

From Madrid, where General Franco provided a haven on condition that his fellow dictator lead a strictly private life, Peron's political ghost haunted every subsequent Argentine administration. Not so much for the ill it did in terms of undemocratic rule and ruinous economic policies, but ironically for its one real constructive achievement: the incorporation of the working masses of Argentina into the political, social and economic life of the nation, exemplified in the formation of a powerful trades union movement in a country whose structure had been, since its birth, almost feudal.

From Madrid, too, the Peronist plot was kept boiling. Peronist Party leaders made frequent trips to the old *caudillo*. Peron's third wife, Isabelita, journeyed to Argentina to rally the faithful. Peron's pronouncements on the state of his country continued to be published in the world's press. His predictions often proved correct: he rightly forecast the fall of President Ongania in 1970 and his party continued to win votes in elections. In 1964 he attempted to return but only reached Rio de Janeiro where the Brazilian authorities forbade his further progress on the continent and returned him to Spain. If he had arrived in Argentina for appeal for personal support following the coups which unseated President Ongania and President Levingston in successive years, he would probably have swept the board.

The guessing game about el *retorno* (the return) continued. Nine years later it was over — Peron came home on June 20, 1973, aged 77, to the thundering cheers from many of the same people who applauded his flight. *(Ofms)*

Film too strong for youngsters

HORRABRIDGE, England (UPI).— Red-faced village carnival officials had to stop the show and refund the child viewers' five pence tickets minutes after the action started on Sunday.

The "fun film" purchased for the youngsters turned out to be the X-rated "Savage Messiah" which quickly revealed a naked actress.

"It didn't take too long to realise it was too strong for youngsters," one of the organizers said.

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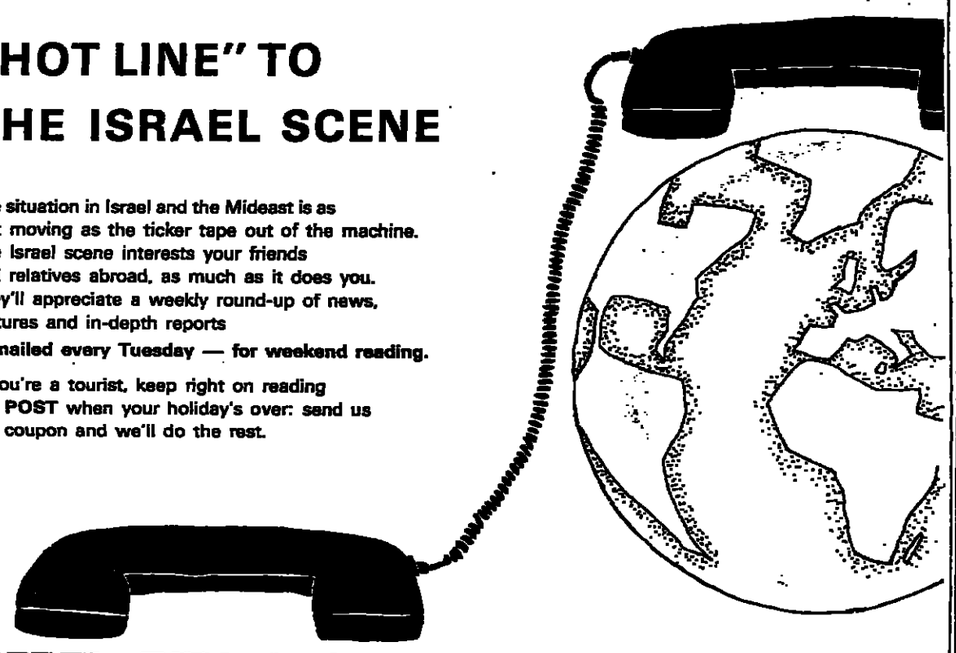

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SOVIET THWART SEMINAR OF JEWISH SCIENTISTS

MOSCOW. — Russian security police blockaded an apartment yesterday where a group of Jewish scientists had planned to hold a seminar.

The meeting was originally planned for the exchange of information between Western scientists, including eight Nobel prize winners, and Soviet Jewish colleagues who have been ousted from the Soviet scientific community because they applied to emigrate to Israel. But the Soviet Government announced in May it would not admit the Western scientists to the country.

The meeting was to have been held in the apartment of Alexander Voronel, a physicist. Voronel was arrested last month in the roundup of Jewish dissidents that preceded President Nixon's arrival in Moscow.

Yesterday about 20 plainclothesmen were posted around his apartment house on the outskirts of Moscow, and anyone who tried to enter Voronel's apartment was stopped. At least three persons who arrived to attend the seminar were driven away in cars.

Jewish physicists, whose determination to emigrate put them out of work, planned the seminar. It grew out of their determination to keep up their skills. Its subject was to have been "Collective Phenomena and the Applications of Physics to Other Fields of Science."

Tel Aviv University sponsored the seminar and collected 120 papers to be read during it. But Soviet authorities blocked the plans of several foreign scientists to attend. The authorities told Jews they regarded the seminar as a provocation and during the past couple of weeks police have arrested or confined to their homes the seminar's organizers and other scientists.

Yesterday a group of Western correspondents went to the apartment, and as they rang the bell, a tall, young man in civilian clothes bounded down from the stair landing above and said, "I am sorry, but entry to the apartment is forbidden."

He flashed a red card as identification and told the correspondents to accompany him downstairs where he identified himself as a "police inspector."

With a straight face, he said "there has been a theft in the house and we must suspect everybody." There were about 20 plainclothes agents posted around the apartment building.

Criticism of the treatment of Soviet Jews was the theme yesterday taken up by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsey, who said that friendship with the Soviet Union depended on its better treatment of Soviet Jews.

The head of the worldwide Anglican Church spoke at the opening of an exhibition at St. Martin in the Fields Church in London depicting the plight of Soviet Jewry. It was arranged by Britain's all-party Parliamentary Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewry.

"We shall unitedly plead in the interests of justice and humanity and also in the interests of international friendship that the Jews in Soviet Russia shall be treated in a way totally different from the present way," said the Archbishop.

(AP, UPI)

Professor Andrei Sakharov shown with his wife Yelena in their Moscow apartment a couple of months ago. (AP)

Egyptian eliminates Borg from Wimbledon

Ismail el Shafei on his way to victory over Bjorn Borg in their third round encounter in Wimbledon yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

WIMBLEDON (UPI). — Ismael el Shafei of Egypt sprang the big surprise of the Wimbledon tennis championships thus far yesterday when he beat fifth-seeded Bjorn Borg of Sweden, who was either badly off form or not trying too hard, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

The 18-year-old idol of the teenage girls was the first seed to be eliminated in the tournament and he went out with more of a whimper than a bang. Nothing worked for him — neither the big service, nor the hard forehands that have made him a big moneymaker on the tennis circuit.

El Shafei had control from the very start and the hordes of schoolgirls crowded into court one were silent for a change.

While Borg, who has complained of being mentally and physically tired from too much tennis, was doing down in a manner that led some fans to protest he wasn't trying, eighth-seeded Arthur Ashe of the U.S. was losing in the singles to Roscoe Tanner, his countryman. Fighting for every point, Tanner won 7-5, 6-3, 8-9, 6-3 in a battle of big services. Tanner's youth told as the match wore on and he was 5-0 in the final set.

A dozen times yesterday Borg's usually deadly volley sailed over the baseline and as many times he muffed easy shots into the net. Not that El Shafei wasn't playing well. He broke the young Swede's service in the fourth game of the opening set and maintained pressure throughout with his big serve and cracking two-fisted backhand.

By the final set a dispirited Borg made only half-efforts for many of el Shafei's blistering shots and at one point he swung behind his back at a volley he could have reached with a proper backhand.

In other men's singles matches, John Newcombe, Australia, won over Nikki Pilic, Yugoslavia, 6-2, 7-5, 7-5.

He was joined in the fourth round by second-seeded Ilie Nastase of Rumania, who beat Ian Fletcher of Australia 7-5, 6-3, 6-4, and third-seeded Jimmy Connors of the U.S. who won over Adriano Panatta of Italy 6-2, 7-5, 6-2.

Defending champion Billie Jean King led six other Americans into the last 16 of the women's singles. King, the defending titleholder who is seeking her sixth championship, defeated Francoise Durr of France 6-1, 7-5 while second-seeded Chris Evert of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., the girl she beat in the 1973 final, made short work of Colombia's Isabel Fernand 6-1, 6-1.

Evonne Goolagong of Australia, the third seed, just barely eked out a 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 win over countrywoman Kerry Harris.

Eighth-seeded Olga Morozova of the Soviet Union looked on the verge of elimination but she struggled back from the brink to defeat Wendy Paish, the former Wendy Gilchrist, of Australia, 2-6, 6-0, 9-7.

Poppy may cause aid cut for Turkey

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Congressman Charles Rangel said yesterday Turkey's decision to resume cultivating the opium poppy may force Congress to cut off all U.S. aid to Turkey.

Rangel has proposed a resolution to sever U.S. aid to Turkey if the planting of opium poppy resumes. The resolution is co-sponsored by over half of the members of the House of Representatives and several Senators.

Rangel, a Democrat, represents the Harlem area of New York City, which contains a large number of heroin addicts.

Sakharov glad Nixon knows of hunger strike

MOSCOW. — Soviet nuclear physicist Andrei Sakharov, whose two-day-old hunger strike has been called strange behaviour by a government spokesman, said yesterday he was happy that President Nixon knows about it.

Sakharov, one of the fathers of Soviet nuclear weaponry, said he was "deeply satisfied" that he had realized his goal of bringing the plight of political prisoners in the Soviet Union — whose treatment he described as "brutal and illegal" — to Nixon's attention.

His hunger strike began at midnight on Friday and was one of three such actions under way during the summit conference.

Presidential press secretary Ronald Ziegler said in Yalta on Sunday that Mr. Nixon had learned about the Sakharov protest from newspaper reports. Then Soviet spokesman Leonid Zamyatin gave his views:

"For many years now, his behaviour has been strange," he said, "and you know that is the attitude of our scientists... He is being tolerated despite the strangeness of his behaviour. It is strange that such a well-educated person behaves in such a manner."

Nevertheless, Zamyatin mentioned Sakharov's services to the nation as a nuclear scientist and said no one denies him credit for his contribution. Zamyatin did not address the issue of political prisoners.

Sakharov said in a telephone interview yesterday that he was feeling woozy but otherwise all right.

Jewish sources said four Jews in Odessa and nine in the Byelorussian capital of Minsk, site of yesterday's presidential visit, had joined Sakharov in fasting to underscore their demands to be allowed to emigrate to Israel.

The third protest action under way, according to ethnic German sources, involved 13 Soviet citizens of German origin on another hunger strike, this one for the right to emigrate to West Germany.

(UPI, AP)

Plea for life of Bulgarian Jew

VIENNA (AP). — Over 500 staff members of the U.N. Industrial Development Organization (Unido) have pleaded with the Bulgarian Government to "spare the life" of a former Bulgarian Unido official who was sentenced to death in Sofia a month ago.

Informed sources said the message pleaded for mercy for Henrik Schpeter, a Jewish economist who once worked on a technical aid programme at Unido headquarters here.

The Bulgarian announcement at the time said he was sentenced to death on charges of espionage "in the service of foreign intelligence agencies." Several days after the official announcement, London claimed Schpeter was convicted because he wanted to emigrate to Israel.

Amnesty International was also reported investigating the case.

Ethiopian troops hold Senate President, two senior officials

ADDIS ABABA. — The President of Ethiopia's Senate, appointed by Emperor Haile Selassie, was arrested by the armed forces yesterday, informed sources said. They added that two senior administrators had also been taken into custody by the military.

The President of the Senate, Betwodeid Zewde Gebrehiod, was arrested in his office in the parliament buildings and taken off to join a number of other prominent Ethiopians already being held by the military, the sources said.

Betwodeid is an untranslatable honorific title given by the Emperor.

The Senate is composed mainly of aristocrats, senior military officers, former provincial governors and ex-ministers.

The arrest of Betwodeid Zewde appeared to confirm the view that the military were concentrating on groups with vested power as being the main obstacles to changing Ethiopia from a predominantly feudal society into a modern state.

The other two people arrested were Ato Betru Admassie, general manager of the Imperial Board of Telecommunications, and Ato Abashawoll, a former general manager of the Imperial Highway Authority, the sources said.

Last night the armed forces named seven top Ethiopians as among those they had arrested over the past three days.

Western diplomatic sources said troops have been making house-to-house searches of the capital, rounding up noblemen and some government officials. They said several hundred persons had probably been arrested by the army since it seized power in Ethiopia Friday.

Diplomats said the soldiers had clamped a curfew on the city, not to enforce law and order, but to carry out their roundup unhindered.

Emperor Haile Selassie, who has not taken part in the crisis and who at one stage was reported thinking of retiring to a country palace for the time being, drove to his downtown office with his normal escort, waving at passersby and looking fit.

Meanwhile, an American missionary nurse, Deborah Dortzback, headed toward home yesterday after a 26-day ordeal as captive of Ethiopian guerrillas, but she said she wants to go back to the African nation some day. Her woman companion was killed by the guerrillas.

Mrs. Dortzback left Asmara on a regular Ethiopian Airlines flight to Rome at 9:30 a.m. She was to catch a connecting flight to the U.S. last night or Tuesday morning.

(Reuter, UPI)

Soviets want European security talks speeded

BRUSSELS (UPI). — The Soviet Union, with American backing, is pushing for a quick finish to the European security conference, European diplomats said yesterday.

The diplomats said most European nations oppose this speed-up, on grounds that it would mean defeat for Western attempts to promote more exchanges of people and ideas between Eastern and Western Europe.

The security conference is in its second, or committee, stage in Geneva. Committees of experts have been meeting since last September to draw up detailed measures to improve East-West contacts in trade, communications and other areas. These measures are to be approved at a third and final stage — which Russia wants to hold at summit level.

The diplomats said the Soviet Union has proposed that the second stage be taken away from the committee of experts and turned over to top foreign ministry officials — deputy foreign ministers or directors general — to speed up work.

The U.S. has taken no formal stand on this Soviet proposal, they said. But cables to European governments from their delegates in Geneva report they are convinced that Washington favours the Soviet stand.

This is the light in which the European governments see the American request for a review of the security conference by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) nations. Nato ambassadors are meeting here this week, at U.S. insistence, to draw up a list of "minimum" demands for Soviet concessions.

Many European governments are openly disillusioned with the lack of progress from the Geneva talks. Foreign ministers of the nine Common Market nations, meeting in Bonn last month, formally warned that the Communists must give more — particularly on the freer movement of people and information — before the West will agree to a third stage.

There is support within some governments — particularly Holland and Britain — to break off the talks unless progress emerges.

The diplomats said their governments fear the security conference issue is becoming entangled with U.S.-Soviet detente politics, to the point that Washington might exert irresistible pressure in areas that basically concern Europe.

The Soviet Union had hoped to finish the third stage by last year. Many governments had predicted it would be held this summer. But the diplomats said the earliest date now probably will be October or November.

SLAYER OF MRS. KING SAYS HE'S A BLACK HEBREW

Black leaders claim plot

ATLANTA. — A black man describing himself as a "Hebrew" on a mission, pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges of murdering the mother of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Marcus Wayne Chenault, 23, first sought to plead no contest to charges of murdering Mrs. King and a church deacon at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Sunday. But Judge William Brock, who ordered him bound over without bond, directed that the pleas be changed to not guilty.

The arraignment came as black leaders claimed that Chenault, a former Ohio State University student, was part of a conspiracy to assassinate civil rights leaders. Police in Columbus, Ohio, had found a death list with the names of 10 civil rights leaders in Chenault's apartment there.

Chenault, accompanied by attorney Randy Bacote, who said he was hired to defend the suspect by a person who did not want to be identified, was in the arraignment hearing for 20 minutes.

After he was identified by witnesses as the man who fired two pistols at the church, killing Mrs. King, 69, and a deacon, Edward Boykin, 69, Bacote said Chenault wanted to make a statement.

"My name is servant Jacob," the accused man said. "I am a Hebrew. I was sent here on a mission and it is partially accomplished."

Afterwards, when asked what Chenault meant by saying his mission was not fully accomplished, Bacote told newsmen, "He still had not confronted Martin Luther King Sr." He said the suspect was "not a member of any church. His acknowledgement of being a Hebrew is from revelations to him."

Bacote said Chenault had told him "his God is the God of Jacob."

Atlanta police, however, have expressed doubt there was a conspiracy in the church shooting, in which a third person, Mrs. Jimmie Mitchell, 65, was wounded during a barrage of bullets. "There is nothing to indicate at this time that there was a conspiracy," assistant police chief J.L. Mullins said.

But black leaders insisted in claims that there is a conspiracy.

The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, who succeeded the late Dr. King as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said that when he visited the accused gunman in a jail cell the man told him, "I was on the list, that there was a conspiracy to get us all... to get all the civil rights leaders."

When police here searched the Chenault's apartment in Columbus, they found the death list, the phrase "servant Jacob" scrawled on the apartment walls and the name "Jacob" on the post box.

The list contained the names of the Rev. Abernathy, the late Dr. King's successor, as well as civil rights leaders Hosea Williams and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, police said. The police also found a heavily used Bible with many passages underlined.

Chenault had earlier told Atlanta police he had been sent by God and that he killed Mrs. King because she was a Christian and the other victim for worshipping a false idol.

(UPI, AP)

U.S. to help Iran enrich uranium

TEHERAN (AP). — The U.S. will help Iran develop uranium for atomic power and other peaceful uses under a $130m. accord signed here Sunday.

Under the accord, made public yesterday, uranium mined in Iran's central desert will be enriched with U.S. assistance and used solely in atomic power stations which Iran will purchase from the U.S. and other countries.

The agreement was signed by Akbar Etemad, Deputy Premier and head of the Iranian Atomic Energy Commission, and Julius Rubin of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

Under separate agreements, Iran is buying two atomic reactors from the U.S. and five from France.

Although it has the world's largest single deposits of gas and oil, Iran is gradually shutting off oil wells to save energy for future generations and switching to nuclear power for electricity.

Meanwhile India, which recently exploded a nuclear device based partly on nuclear power-plant technology supplied by Canada, was reported planning to build a nuclear-powered submarine. This was reported on Sunday by "Newsweek," which added that it might nevertheless take India years to build an operational nuclear weapon, despite more atomic tests.

The magazine stated that, "according to U.S. intelligence analysts, India plans at least three more atomic blasts for 'peaceful purposes,' and has assigned a team of civilian and naval experts to design a nuclear-powered submarine for construction by 1980. The same experts estimate that it will take the Indians 10 years to build an operational nuclear weapon."

Ulster has death-free week

BELFAST (UPI). — Northern Ireland yesterday marked its second death-free week in two months in an apparent lull in the Irish Republican Army (IRA) summer bomb campaign, the British Army said. The only violence was the bombing of a trailer serving as a temporary customs post on the border.

The army spokesman said no one had been killed in the Province since two young IRA bombers blew themselves up in a premature explosion on Monday, June 24. Ulster's last week without a death — the first in more than a year — was the last week of April.

The IRA newspaper "Republican News" claimed over the weekend that the IRA has used two tons of explosives in 27 major bomb attacks since its summer campaign opened two weeks ago.

Violence among Ulster's majority Protestants, minority Roman Catholics and the security forces has caused the deaths of 1,043 persons since August, 1969. In recent months this figure has been rising at a rate of about four to seven persons weekly.

Amin to inquire into people's 'disappearance'

KAMPALA (Reuter). — Uganda Justice Minister Godfrey Lule yesterday opened the commission of inquiry in Kampala into the disappearance of people in Uganda and swore in the chairman, Justice Mohamed Saied.

President Idi Amin has directed the commission to consider the 1971 military takeover and the invasion of Uganda the following year during its investigations into the disappearance of people in Uganda.

A legal notice signed by the President on Sunday setting up the commission said it should "give due consideration to the logical and natural events of the military takeover as well as the events pertaining... to the defence of Uganda when the nation was invaded in September, 1972."

On September 17, 1972, General Amin's troops crushed a force of Ugandan exiles who swept over the Tanzanian frontier to try to reinstate ex-President Milton Obote.

Amin told the commission that in the case of people who may be proved dead, it was to establish "in what circumstances they met their deaths."

General Amin told the commission that its investigation should not extend to any person expelled from the country or sentenced to death.

Civil servants to get higher pay in London

LONDON (UPI). — The government yesterday accepted a recommendation that two million Londoners should get a raise in pay of £154m. a year.

The pay board recommended civil service pay increases over national rates for those living or working in the more-expensive capital.

Nurses and teachers, policemen and bus drivers, civil servants and garbagemen, firemen and white collar workers in nationalized industries would benefit from the recommended raises.

The board suggested that a man working in central London should be paid £400 a year more than his counterpart elsewhere in the country. Those working on London's fringes should get an extra £200 annually, it said.

World Bank loan to Rumania

WASHINGTON (AP). — The World Bank announced yesterday it has approved its first loan to Rumania, which joined the bank in December, 1972.

The $10m. loan will be for the construction of a fertilizer plant at Tecuci, in the province of Galati.

The $200m. project forms part of Rumania's large-scale programme to expand fertilizer production, the World Bank said, adding.

Scheel sworn in as W. German President

BONN. — Former Foreign Minister Walter Scheel was yesterday sworn in as West Germany's fourth and youngest president and began his term with a higher popularity rating than any of his predecessors.

In his inaugural speech Scheel warned West Germans against believing they could become an island of the wealthy privileged in an ocean of poverty.

Retiring President Gustav Heinemann echoed Scheel's admonition, saying that "he who thinks today that he has to worry only about himself is not only gambling with the future of others but also with his own."

Fifty-four year old Scheel took the oath of office during a joint session of the two houses of Parliament.

The genial silver-haired statesman — who until last month was chairman of the liberal Free Democratic Party and served as vice-chancellor in both governments headed by Social Democratic leader Willy Brandt — said the country's problems should be faced in freedom and solidarity, and without demagogy.

At 54, Scheel is the youngest man to hold the largely ceremonial post. Retiring President Heinemann is 75 years old and declined to serve a second five-year term because of his age.

A public opinion poll published yesterday showed that 78 per cent of the West German population had a good opinion of Scheel.

This is the highest popularity rating of any president on taking office, but both Dr. Heinemann and the first president, Professor Theodor Heuss, were even more popular towards the end of their presidential terms. A recent poll gave Dr. Heinemann 82 per cent.

Scheel combines an easy-going manner with a wealth of political experience, having served longer as a cabinet minister under several chancellors than any other active politician.

(Reuter, UPI)

LOAN. — An agreement was signed in Amman yesterday between Jordan and the American Agency for International Development (AID) for a $2.9m. long-term loan to finance the building of a 105-kms. highway in the Jordan Valley.

RELATIONS. — Australia has established diplomatic relations with Kuwait, Prime Minister Gough Whitlam announced in Canberra yesterday.

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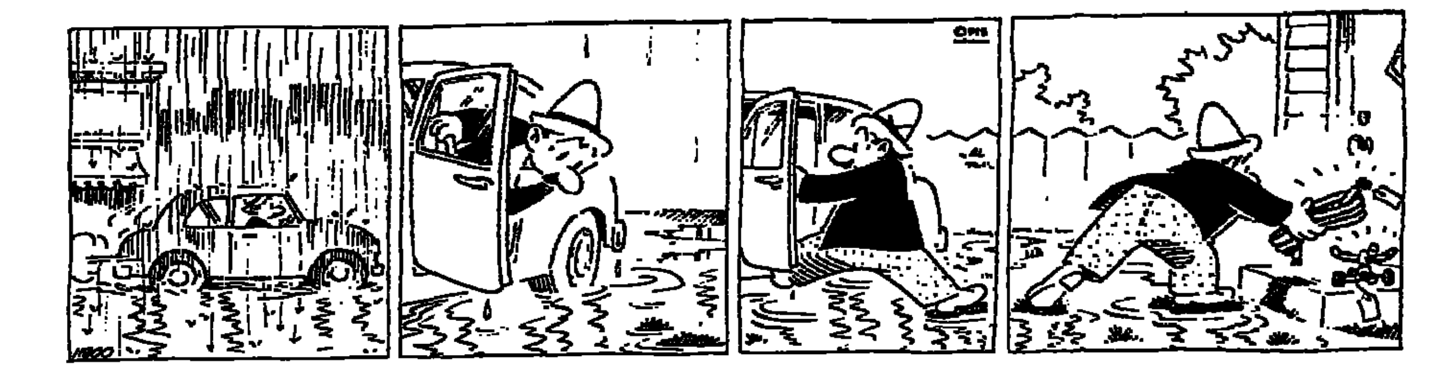

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7.58 a.m. Opening. 8.05 "Musical Delicacies": Dvorak: String Quartet, op.61 (Guarneri); Debussy: Sonata for Flute, Viola & Harp (Boston). 9.05 John Williams, Guitar. 9.35 English News. 10.00 The Radio Music in Dimona — with Cliff Grossmeyer & Adi Etzion, Jerome Barry & Lili Zvi. 10.55 French News. 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.45 Arabic lesson. 12.05 The "Obretenov" Choir from Sofia. 1.05 Midday Classics — Mozart: Cassation, K. 63; Hummel: Rondo Brilliant; Mussorgsky: 3 Songs (Kim Borg); Prokofiev: Two Pieces for Harp (Susan McDonald).
proving Your Knowledge." 3.30 Literature — Questions and Answers. 3.50 The Daily Mishna. 4.00 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.05 "Tunes for Teens." — "Military Music" — The Battle. 4.55 English News. 5.05 "Jazz." 5.45 "Enigma." 5.55 p.m. French News. 6.05 "This is the North Road." 6.35 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light Music. 7.30 Bible Reading: Tehilim, chaps. 131 and 132. 8.05 World of Science. 8.30 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra — Handel: "Jephtah — Oratorio" (Bertini); Regamey: "Three Songs of the Clown" (Derryk Olsen — Rodan). 11.00 "Dialogue." 12.05 A Moment of Poetry. 12.05 Close Down.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Natad $ in sharp fall

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Natad dollar took a plunge yesterday, falling by [illegible] agora. About $1,696,400 was offered — the largest amount in recent years — and only $435,900 picked up. Financial circles point out that this sharp fall is due to the fact that the unofficial reports of the government's new economic policy did not mention devaluation, or even hint at it.

However, index-linked bonds fell, and stocks also fell. Financial circles explain this as due to the uncertainty about the new economic plan. Although it has been hinted that there would be no tax on either bonds or stocks, nothing was known officially.

The turnover in bonds was IL1,250,700.

The turnover in stocks was IL2,497,700, of this, IL993,700 in the variables.

IDB remained at 220 despite a turnover of 340,000; Mizrahi lost three and then two to 173 (68,000); Bank Leumi lost two and then two to 241 (50,000); IEDC Bearer lost four but then gained two to 167 (22,000); Delek Registered lost two and two to 146 (27,000); Rassco Preferred lost 3.5 to 96.5 (12,000); Wolfson-Clore-Mayer IL10 lost four but then gained 0.5 to 96 (54,000).

Paz lost two and then one to 100 (22,000); Discount Investment lost 1.5 and then two to 190.5 (40,000); Bank Leumi Investment lost one and then two to 111 (27,000); and Mizrahi Investment lost 1.5 and 1.5 to 114 (14,000).

The general index of share prices fell by 1.52 per cent to stand at 276.34.

		1.7.74	30.6.74
DEBENTURES INDEXED TO THE DOLLAR			
Dead Sea Junior	r	133.3	133
Electric Corp. A	r	158.3	158.3
Electric Corp. B	r	326	326
INDEXED to the C.L. INDEX			
(principal & Interest)			
[illegible] 1965, Index 110.1	b	153.9	154.9
[illegible] 1968, Series 41	b	140.2	141.2
[illegible] 1969, Series 41	b	269.8	270.7
COMMERCIAL BANKS & BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
Bar Hityashvut	r	272	272
[illegible].B. pref.	r	269	269
[illegible].B. Bankholding	r	220	220
[illegible]on Bank	r	298.5	298.5
[illegible]el British Bank	b	300	302
[illegible]count Bank "A"	r	508	510
[illegible]ted Mizrahi Bank	b	173	178
[illegible]k Hapoalim—10%	b	297	297
[illegible]k Leumi—"A"	r	241	245
MORTGAGE BANKS			
[illegible]. Mortgage Bank	b	258	260
[illegible]mel Mortg. & Inv.	b	147	152
[illegible]k Binyan	b	260	260
[illegible]r. & Mortg. Bank	b	268	273
[illegible]using Mortg. Bank	b	188	189
[illegible]'ahot 8%	b	273	273
[illegible]ahot	b	268	275
SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
[illegible]. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	68	68
[illegible]sneh Insurance	b	251	254
[illegible]ar—"C"	b	335	344
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
[illegible]tor House	b	77	77
[illegible]ek C.	r	146	150
[illegible]d Storage—IL10	r	184	200.5
[illegible]el Electric Corp.	r	73	73.5
[illegible]nterage & Supply	r	169	175.5
LAND, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT			
[illegible]rim	r	180	190.5
[illegible]ica Isr. IL10	r	325	335
[illegible]. Land Dev.	b	157	169
Solel Boneh—10%	b	135	136
Property & Build.	r	263	265.5
Isras	b	161.5	164.5
Mehadrin	r	185	190
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	b	90	91.5
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	131	131
Neot Aviv	r	92	96
Pri Or Ltd.	r	164	168
Rassco—8%	r	96.5	100
Rassco—O.	r	68.5	70.5
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	530	531
Elco—2.5	b	99	102
Electra—5	r	214	223
"Argaman"—8%	b	360	360
"Ata"—C	r	128	134
Dubek	b	435	445
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	190	197
Teva	b	1100	1100
Chem. & Phosphates	r	102.5	102
Lewin Epstein	b	66.5	68.5
Moller Textile	r	218	225
Phonedia—8%	b	93	93
Paper Mills	r	295	297
Assis "B"	r	206	221.5
Nechushtan	b	600	590
Shemen—6%	b	127.5	130
"Teal" Plywood	b	221	223
Elite (A)		313	318
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	98.5	104
Ellern	b	177.5	184
Israel Central Trade	r	191	190
Bank Hapoalim	b	225	225
Paz	b	100	103
Wolfson IL10	b	96	99.5
Ampa	r	122.5	122.5
Discount Bank	b	190.5	194
United Mizrahi	b	114	117
Bank Leumi	r	212	214
Piryon Investment	r	123	121
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	110	110.5
Export Bank	b	70	72
Clal Investment	r	204	203
Clal Industries	r	184	184
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	90	90
Lapidoth OTC	r	173	178

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$ falls on Lilienblum

TEL AVIV. — The dollar dropped slightly in Lilienblum Street yesterday, but most European currencies rose. The dealers explain the fall of the dollar as due to the falling price of the dollar Natad on the black market and the increase in European currencies as a result of Israelis buying them before going abroad on holiday.

Dealers point out that the market is a bit higher than the true price of "supply and demand" because of frequent police raids, which have kept the price up.

Yesterday's "opening bargaining prices": $100 banknotes, IL5; smaller dollar banknotes, IL4.95; dollar cheques, IL4.70; DM, IL1.98; Dutch florin, IL1.80; French franc, IL0.99; Swiss franc, IL1.65; pound sterling, IL12.30; sovereigns, IL235; Eagle, IL1,030; peso, IL1,010; kilo silver, IL920; kilo gold, IL24,400; three-piece, IL4,300; two-piece, IL1,650; and platinum, IL1,900.

WALL STREET

Trading volume light

NEW YORK (AP). — Unable to make any headway despite some favourable prime rate news, the stock market remained mixed yesterday.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was up nearly three points half an hour before the close, but declines led advances by a small margin on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading volume was light.

Brokers said investors were pleased by First National Bank of Chicago's decision to keep its prime rate at 11.80 per cent. The bank's prime rate, set to a formula, had been expected to move up to 12.07 per cent, a new record.

But analysts said investors were still cautious and awaiting more positive news on interest rates declining before stepping up their buying in the stock market.

The Dow Jones index of 30 industrial stocks closed 3.83 higher, at 806.24.

[illegible]rco Inc	11¾	Cont Oil	—	In T & T	—	Revere Cop	—
[illegible]can Alum	29	Cont Tel	—	Interpublic	—	Reynold Ind	—
[illegible]lied Ch	36	Contr Data	—	Johns Manv	—	Reynold Met	—
[illegible]lied St	23¾	Corning	—	J'son & J'son	—	Rockwell Int	—
[illegible]lis Chal	8	CPC Intl	—	Jones Laug	17¾	Rohm & Haas	—
[illegible]cos	43½	Crown Cork	—	Kaiser Alum	16¾	Royal Dutch	—
[illegible]n Airline	39¾	Crown Zell	—	Kennecott	32⅞	Safeway	—
[illegible]n Broadcast	8¾	Curtis Wri	—	Koppers	46	Schering	—
[illegible]n Can	24¾	Dan River	—	Lib Fd	24½	Scott Paper	—
[illegible]n Cyan	26⅝	Deere & Co	—	Liggt Myers	27⅝	Sears Roe	—
[illegible]n Home	19¾	Dist Seag	—	Litton Indust	7½	Shell Oil	—
[illegible]n Met Cl	40¼	Dow Chem	—	Lockheed	4	Singer Co.	—
[illegible]n Motors	5¾	Dress Ind	—	LTV Corp	9	Smithkline	—
[illegible]n Smelt R	19½	Dupont	—	Macy Rh	14½	Sony	—
[illegible]n Stand	—	Eastern Air	—	Magnavox	4¾	Southn Rwy	—
[illegible]n T & T	469	East Kodak	104¼	Mfrs Hanover	27¾	Sperry Rand	—
[illegible]dF Inc	16	Eaton	26⅞	Marathon	33	Std Brands	—
[illegible]seconda	21⅝	El Paso	11⅞	Marcor	26	Std Oil Cal	—
[illegible]a Ltd	79¾	EKR	19	Marsh Field	—	Std Oil Ind	—
[illegible] Rich	38¼	Esmark	36¾	Martin Mar	15½	Std Oil Oh	—
[illegible]co	4⅜	Exxon	70⅜	Matsushita	15⅝	Sterling Drug	—
[illegible]ll & How	16½	Fairchild	33¼	McDon Doug	13⅞	Stubaker Wor	—
[illegible]ndix	—	First Int	16¼	Merck	79¼	Sun Oil	—
[illegible]mgnet	2⅝	Fluor Corp	25½	Merr Lynch	8	Teledyne	12½
[illegible]th Steel	30¼	Food Fair	6¼	Miles Lab	25¾	Tenneco	19¾
[illegible]eing	17½	Ford Motors	49½	Minn M & M	72⅜	Texaco	35
[illegible]se Cas	14	Gen Dynam	23¼	Mobil Oil	39	Texasgulf	25⅝
[illegible]rg War	17¾	Gen Elec	49½	Monogram	4¾	Texas Instru	—
[illegible]anif	9¾	Gen Foods	22¾	Monsant	63¾	Textron	17½
[illegible]ist Myers	51¾	Gen Mills	50	Moore-McCor	16¼	TWA	8
[illegible]nsweck	—	Gen Motors	—	Morgan J P	51	Tri-Cont	20¾
[illegible]ri Ind	20¼	Gen Tel & El	—	Nabisco	32⅞	Twin Tw Inc	15½
[illegible]rroughs	99⅞	Gen Tire	—	Nat Distil	13	Twen-Cen. Fox	5¾
[illegible]mp Soup	—	Genesco	—	NCR Corp	31⅞	Uni Inc	25½
[illegible]n Pac	—	Georgia	—	N L Indust	12¾	Unilever Ltd	—
[illegible]stle Cks	—	Getty Oil	—	Norwest Air	22⅝	Unilever NV	—
[illegible]rp Trac	—	Gillette	—	Occid Pet	9⅞	Un Carbide	40
[illegible]39	—	Goodrich	—	Olin Corp	15¾	Uniroyal	7⅞
[illegible]lanese	—	Goodyear	—	Otis Elev	33½	United Air	36
[illegible]	—	Grace & Co	—	Owens Ill	39¼	Unit Brands	6⅛
[illegible]ase Man	—	Grt A & P	—	Pacif Gs & El	20⅞	US Indust	5½
[illegible]em NY	—	Greyhound	—	Pan Am	3⅜	US Steel	44¾
[illegible]ossie Sys	—	Gulf Oil	—	Penn Cent	2	US Tobacco	15⅝
[illegible]rysler	—	Gulf & West	—	Pepsico	61¼	Warner Lam	26½
[illegible]ticorp	—	Heller Int	—	Pfizer	36¼	Wells Fargo	15
[illegible]ties Svc	—	Hewlett Pac	—	Phelps Doc	35⅝	West Union	9½
[illegible]ca-Cola	—	Honeywell	—	Philip Mor	55¼	Westch Elec	13½
[illegible]lg Palm	—	Hous Nat Gas	—	Philip Pet	49	Weyerhaeu	37½
[illegible]lumb Gas	—	Howmet	—	Polaroid	36⅝	Whlco Chem	24½
[illegible]lumb Pic	—	IBM	—	Proct & Gam	—	Woolworth	13⅞
[illegible]ensat	—	Int Harv	—	Quaker Oats	—	Xerox Corp	115⅝
[illegible]ns Edison	—	Int Nickel	—	Ralston Pur	—	Zenith Rad	31
[illegible]est Can	—	Int Paper	—	RCA	—		

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NATIONAL INSURANCE CAN SPUR INFLATION

This year the National Insurance Institute will have to pay out more than it collects. POST Economic Editor Moshe Ater discusses the implications.

WHILE pitched battles have been fought in the Knesset over minor details of the State budget, little attention has been given to the finances of the National Insurance Institute. The amounts involved are much smaller, of course, but much larger than many people are aware.

In the current fiscal year NII plans to collect a premium income of IL2,600m., as compared to the IL7,100m. forecast for income tax and defence levy revenue. Social insurance thus accounts for one quarter of our aggregate direct taxation. Incidentally, its share increased in recent years, and may increase further in the future.

This development is the result of two factors. On the one hand, income tax rates, which had reached a counter-productive level, have been reduced. On the other hand, contributions to national insurance have been raised in order to keep NII revenue in line with its growing expenditures. Indeed, the rise in its spending has been much more dramatic. Compared with 1972-73 this year's forecast for NII collection from all those insured shows a rise of about one third, while the cost of its services will more than double.

As a consequence, the NII is now entering a new stage. In the past its revenue regularly exceeded expenditure. As a result it steadily accumulated reserves, which are held in a loan to the state. It has thus been one of our major sources of savings, and of financing the government's development budget. In 1972-73, the excess of contributions collected over benefits paid amounted to almost IL430m. In the current year, the benefits are expected to exceed collections by about IL90m.

The issue will now no longer be the NII's actuary deficit, that is the question whether or not its reserves are adequate for meeting its future commitments, but its current cash-flow. The issue will not come to a head overnight, because a number of special functions carried out by NII (especially equalisation of wages of people on reserve duty) are financed by special contributions of the treasury, and because NII also earns a substantial interest income on its accumulated reserves (IL350m. in the current fiscal year). NII is still operating in the black. However, its cash margin is getting uncomfortably slim, and is likely to disappear before long.

The importance of this development is all too evident, particularly at a time when Israel's economy is badly in need of savings, while pressure is growing for further expansion of social spending. Hitherto, NII has been functioning as a major anti-inflationary instrument, converting substantial amounts of our current income into capital assets (presumed to bolster our economy's productive power, and thus increase its ability to provide for future consumption). Now, however, it may start operating in reverse, drawing upon its reserves in order to provide for current consumption. The point is not that its reserves too must run out if this process continues unchecked, but that the drain involved would have to be provided from our current resources. This would reduce the amounts available for other purposes — already in short supply — or increase the inflationary chaos. The situation is all the more grave owing to the fact that several major pension funds also show a similar trend.

Since we cannot permit NII to operate in the red, we shall have to balance its accounts in some way. The alternatives in this respect are basically two: either to further increase NII contributions, or to pass the buck to the taxpayer.

Incidentally, the situation is different in the various spheres of NII activity. While the Institute is incurring heavy deficits on account of maternity grants and children's allowances, it is accumulating reserves in the old-age and survivors branch, and even more so in unemployment insurance. However, NII spokesmen point out that while old-age and survivors' benefits have been raised at long last, they are still smaller than intended when NII was established in 1953. The basic old-age pension was aimed then to amount to 22 per cent of the national wage average, while its current level is only 15 per cent (as compared to only 10.5 per cent in 1965). Moreover, the rapid rise in the cost of living is also hitting pensioners more than higher-income earners.

Several other issues are also pressing for reform. But when the questions will crop up, the cost involved will also have to be taken into account.

A SURPLUS FOR BONN

WIESBADEN (Reuter). — West Germany achieved another huge foreign trade surplus, of 4,881 million marks (about £810m.) in May, the Federal Statistics Office here announced yesterday.

The Surplus, up from 4,578 million marks in April, was only slightly below the all-time record of 5,073 million marks of February this year.

West Germany's continuing foreign trade successes come at a time when three of its Common Market partners, Britain, France, and Italy, are heavily in deficit in their trading balances.

The trade surplus for the first five months of 1974 rose to 22,734 million marks from 11,224 million marks in the corresponding period of last year.

West Germany's foreign trade strength has been maintained despite a steep increase in the international value of the mark against an average of other currencies over the last two years and the higher price this country pays for oil, of which it is Europe's biggest importer.

Gamble brings collapse of West German bank

BONN (UPI). — Many people are said to have been made almost penniless by the collapse of the Herstatt Bank last week as the result of losses sustained in currency speculations.

Ivan Herstatt, head of the bank, founded in Cologne in 1782, was one of the city's best-known figures. He contributed generously to many of the city's carnival associations and acted as treasurer of their federation. In return, most of the traditional Cologne carnival associations kept all of their money in Herstatt's bank.

Savers may recover some of their money, but with Herstatt admitting losses of close to 500 million marks ($200m.), they should expect no more than a fraction.

Only people with Herstatt travellers' cheques will not lose. Other banks have said they will honour the cheques, and a "fire fund" they maintain has ensured that small depositors with accounts of less than 20,000 marks ($7,900) at Herstatt will get their money.

However, even they will have to wait for five or six weeks.

Herstatt admitted that forward trading of currencies ruined him.

But the gamble of selling currency at today's rate for delivery at some future date did not come off because the currency did not fall in value.

The dollar price rose from 2.28 marks a year ago to 2.84 marks at the end of January to 2.38 marks in May, and now hovers between 2.50 and 2.60 marks.

At first Herstatt must have made a profit. But at some point his bank found itself buying dollars for more than it had received when it had "sold" them earlier. The losses mounted quickly.

Most gambling casinos limit the amount of betting. No such limits exist in the currency market. Thus, Herstatt's bets on the currency markets grew increasingly larger, until at the end his losses were six times larger than his bank's capital.

The left wing of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party said last week that Herstatt's collapse underlined their demand that all banks be nationalized.

Schmidt's Government rejected the demand, but it may attempt to limit individual bank dealings on the foreign currency markets. The shares market lost about three percentage points and the price of gold dropped.

Now banks are waiting anxiously to learn whether depositors will switch their accounts to savings institutions, which are forbidden to speculate in foreign currencies.

Citrus growers want more from industry

TEL AVIV. — The citrus growers are demanding a price increase for fruit being sold to the processing plants. Mr. Zvi Kenan, general manager of the Pardess Syndicate of Israel Growers Cooperative Society Ltd., said yesterday that up to now the growers were being paid about IL105 per ton by the industrialist, but this price barely paid for the picking and transporting the fruit to the processing plant.

He was not willing to state the exact price the farmers would demand for their fruit.

Arkia Airlines

In yesterday's report on Arkia, the first paragraph should have said:

Arkia Inland Airlines ended the 1973 calendar year with an operational loss of some IL415,000. Following the sale of one of its Heralds for IL1m. and the leasing of one of its Viscount fleet for IL700,000, the company showed a gross profit of IL475,000.

The company fleet this year comprises four Heralds and six Viscounts, and not as stated.

Agents for Dutch car

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Tel Aviv agents for the Volvo have now also taken over the sole agency for the Dutch DAF car. This follows the new world-wide sales policy adopted by DAF after Volvo recently acquired a controlling interest in the company. Mayer's Cars and Trucks Co. Ltd. will mostly handle the DAF 66, which comes with 1,100 and 1,300cc engines.

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Dollar	2.3845/55	per £
DM	2.5490/5540	per $
Swiss Fr.	3.0000/50	per $
French Fr.	4.8300/8400	per $
Lire	649/650	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.6580/6630	per $
Belgian Fr.	38.05/10	per$
Yen	285.05/5	per $

Gold price: $142.50/144.50

FORWARD RATES

	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.
£/$	2.3805/825	2.3660/680	2.3360/380
DM/$	2.5435/505	2.5335/405	2.5135/075
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SPORTS ABROAD — BERNIE BERNIKER

U.S. girl of 16 sets world swim record

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD Heather Greenwood set a world record in the women's 400-metre freestyle at the Santa Clara (California) International Invitational swimming and diving meet over the weekend. Her time was 4 min. 17.33 sec.

Keena Rothhammer of the Santa Clara Swim Club, who did not compete this year, set the former world mark of 4:18.07 at Louisville, Kentucky, last year.

Heather, a Californian, whose previous best time for the 400 metres was 4:20.2, led from the first lap, swimming for the Fresno Swim Club. She had a 2:04.62 at the halfway point, slowed some at the start of the second half and then sprinted on the final lap.

Shirley Babashof of the Nation Viejo Matadores was second in 4:19.94.

Heather Greenwood... victory smile. (AP radiophoto)

BOXING

THE AFTER-DINNER discussion became a little more spirited than these things usually are in the Waldorf-Astoria. This one, in fact, ended with George Foreman, heavyweight boxing champion of the world, who was wearing a torn tuxedo at the time, being informed by former champion Muhammad Ali: "I'm going to beat your Christian tail. I'm going to beat your Christian tail, you flag-waver."

After which Ali, also wearing a tuxedo, shouted to other guests invited to the New York Boxing Writers' dinner: "What hotel is that nigger staying at?"

Ali, who meets Foreman to dispute the title in September, was appropriately the main speaker at the dinner on Saturday, and the guest of honour was Foreman, who was to receive the association's Fighter of the Year award.

Ali opened the conversation with such remarks as: "Hittin' hard don't mean nothing if you don't find nothing to hit. Are you serious George, fighting me?"

He went on to refer further to their forthcoming sporting contest in Zaire by saying: "You're coming to my country. There's going to be thousands shouting 'Ali...Ali'. There's going to be voodoo pins and dolls."

Foreman finally rose to his feet and said: "I'm tired of all this. I'm going home." But when he picked up his award, Ali playfully removed it and hid it behind his back. Foreman reached around Ali to retrieve the prize and ripped Ali's tuxedo up the back.

Ali retaliated by tearing Mr. Foreman's jacket. Onlookers separated the two, but Ali got a hand free and hurled several glasses at Mr. Foreman, shouting: "You tore my suit, you tore my suit."

With the glasses shattering behind him, Foreman departed from the Waldorf-Astoria.

CRICKET

ENGLAND has not made any changes in the side that faces India in the third Cricket Test against India at Birmingham on Thursday.

Thus, George Boycott — rated by many experts as England's best batsman — is still out of the side. He was dropped for the second Test at Lords last week after being consistently dismissed for low scores by the Indian bowlers.

England is 2-0 up in the three-match series, after achieving a crushing innings victory in the Lords Test.

Team: Mike Dannes (capt.) David Lloyd, John Edrich, Keith Fletcher, Tony Greig, Alan Knott, Chris Old, Geoff Arnold, Derek Underwood, Mike Hendrick. 12th man: Robin Jackman.

BASEBALL

HENRY AARON, baseball's supreme home run king, says he would welcome a homer-hitting contest between himself and Wang Cheng-chih, whom the Japanese call "Sadaharu Oh," the Japanese "Babe Ruth."

"I'd like to have a home run hitting contest with him," the Atlanta Braves' star said. "We can do it anywhere," added Aaron, who snapped Ruth's all-time mark on April 1, when he scored his 715th career homer.

Aaron admitted that he knew little about Oh until a reporter told him that the 34-year-old Japanese champion had said he was gunning to break Aaron's home run total and expected to play another six years in pursuit of this.

GOLF

TOM WATSON, shooting the best round of the day at two-under-par 69, backed into the $40,000 first prize in the Western Open Golf tournament on Sunday when front-running Tom Weiskopf bogeyed the 17th hole and double bogeyed the final green.

Watson, 24, who has never before won a PGA tour event, made up eight strokes on Weiskopf on the last round and passed J.C. Snead en route to victory in the $200,000 event on the 7,002-yard, par 71 Butler National Golf Club course.

It was the third straight week in which the tournament winner has been over par — Hale Irwin seven over in the National Open and Jim Colbert one over before winning a play-off in the American Golf classic.

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or

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Fair weather in London

THE Socialist International meeting in Britain at the weekend seemed to signpost coming change for the better in Israel's political standing abroad. Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, who performed with cool confidence on his first overseas appearance as Prime Minister, was able to take advantage of a political climate much changed from that which Golda Meir faced at the Socialist International session last November. Then, Mrs. Meir provoked a stony and hostile silence when she accused the European socialist leaders of a "Munich attitude" towards the Middle East.

The war was just over, the oil squeeze threatened to paralyse or pauperize Europe — and Israel was the leper of the Western world, finding little sympathy anywhere outside of the U.S.

Now, two historic disengagements later and with the oil flowing freely again (its price is still viciously high — but at least stable), Mr. Rabin found a good deal of understanding and even support for Israel's current policies, with little of the previous hostility from the socialist leaders — even from such sharp critics of Israel as Malta's Dom Mintoff and Austria's Bruno Kreisky.

Messrs. Wilson and Callaghan, indeed, seem to have gone out of their way to ensure Mr. Rabin a smooth passage, and his welcome in London and Chequers was markedly warmer than mere diplomatic courtesy demands.

The change in Israel's standing during the past half-year has in fact been most noticeable in Britain, where it coincided with the change of government. But whereas past Zionist and Israeli experience engendered a cynical wariness of the British Labour Party, whose friendly policies often seemed to turn sour when it moved from opposition to office, the Wilson government has — so far — proved remarkably faithful to its policies and pronouncements when in opposition.

The best evidence of Britain's swing away from the Conservatives' shameless appeasement of the Arabs — which ultimately succeeded in offending many inside the Tory Party itself — is the open concern voiced by Arab spokesmen recently at what they see as an erosion of their support in Whitehall.

Of course, Mr. Wilson has fortunately not been subjected to the kind of Arab pressure to which Mr. Heath and Sir Alec Douglas-Home so quickly succumbed. But he sounded firm and determined enough at his news conference yesterday, when he called upon the consumers of the world to unite against the oil suppliers' blackmail.

There are also some practical reasons for the Labour government's new Middle East policy line. Labour's rule rests on the shakiest possible base: Liberal sufferance. And the Parliamentary Labour Party contains 40-odd Jewish M.P.s, with a good many firmly pro-Israel gentile members. The "Labour Friends of Israel" group functions with efficacy — and it represents a very cogent reason why the government should adopt a less pro-Arab stance than its predecessor.

British Jewry, furthermore, has been flexing its political muscle on Israel's behalf of late with unprecedented vigour and cohesion, and, with a political power base as narrow and ambitions as determined as Mr. Wilson's are, the "Jewish lobby" is certainly a factor to be taken into account.

'STOP A MINUTE, I'VE GOT A BRIDLE!'

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CURBING INFLATION

Davar (Histadrut), discussing the proposed new levies, says the middle class should have to bear a lesser burden than the economically stronger strata of the population. The government should treat the cost-of-living allowance issue with kid gloves. "Wage agreements have only now been concluded on the strength of explicit undertakings by both sides, and the credibility of these agreements will be adversely affected if the cost-of-living allowance is in effect neutralized." Although it is urgent that inflation must be curbed, the paper says, this should be done only after consultation and coordination with the Histadrut.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) hopes the government will direct the anti-inflationary measures primarily at its own budget by restricting non-essential investment and building. On the other hand, the paper welcomes the plan to impose a property tax on buildings, plots, equipment and stock, arguing that the owners of such property have benefited from the inflationary price spiralling. At the same time the paper insists that the property tax be imposed also on financial properties, such as debentures and shares.

Haitzofe (National Religious) calls for a basic change in the government's economic policy, and hopes that the measures now being introduced will not be merely patchwork. The paper warns that the public has lost faith in the value of saving, and is in effect running away from its money.

Ha'aretz (Independent) complains that in a country with a balance of trade deficit as large as Israel's, the encouragement by all sorts of official and semi-official measures of so many of its citizens to travel abroad is wasteful. In the case of the universities, for example, faculty members who do not take advantage of the opportunity to travel abroad on sabbaticals in effect lose large amounts of money. In addition, hundreds of officials travel at public expense on missions only some of which serve any good purpose. A blatant example is the large delegations of Knesset Members that are sent to every gathering of even marginal importance abroad. The blame, says the paper, lies squarely on the government, which grants reductions in travel tax to all kinds of pressure groups in complete disregard of both justice and common sense.

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A campaign has begun to encourage more men to join the permanent army. The Chief of Staff believes that the current wave of criticism of the army could deter good men from joining. POST Military Correspondent Ronnie Hope reports on the views of the C-o-S.

Chief of Staff R/A Mordechai Gur... "there are some mistakes which are a part of life." (IPPA)

"It is impossible to give day-to-day commands while taking thousands of ... of advice into account."

THE ARMY AND CRITICISM

THE Chief of Staff, Rav Aluf Mordechai Gur, has attacked a trend he sees since the Yom Kippur War of exposing the army to what he believes is too much outside criticism. This could undermine the decision-making capability of field officers, he says, "and we will be in the position reached by the Americans in Vietnam."

R/A Gur's warning came when he told editors and military correspondents last week that the army was launching a drive to get more men to volunteer for the regular force. He implied that the lack of public support could deter good officers from staying in or rejoining the army.

He made it clear that he did not want army operations to be free of control and criticism, but this should be largely internal. External, irrelevant factors were likely to distort criticism coming from the outside.

Broader aspects of defence policy should be open to public discussion, including concepts and methods of warfare, the structure and organization of the army, the integration of the army and the national security system. "I don't know if this will help, but it cannot do harm," the C-o-S said.

"If the army is as exposed to criticism of every move as it has been since the Yom Kippur War, it will be very difficult to build a military system with the proper balance between careful consideration and the will and daring to take decisions. An army afraid of taking decisions — even at the lowest level — will neither win wars nor protect the state. It is impossible to give day-to-day commands while taking thousands of pieces of advice into account."

Since the war, officers no longer felt confident that their authority and sense of responsibility were being weighed on the correct scales, R/A Gur said. Field commanders taking decisions under battle conditions should not be exposed to public investigation of every least move without some backing.

A whole generation of generals, many of whom ended their careers in the last war, built up their knowledge on the basis of trial and error. There had been actions in which heavy losses were suffered, but many officers grew to maturity on the lessons necessarily learned from the mistakes made in these operations.

"I fought in many actions after which there was very strict, and just, criticism. But the framework as a whole gave us its backing. Some of the mistakes were put right. Others could not be, because of objective conditions. But never were officers who conducted a battle in the field exposed afterwards with almost no backing."

There are some mistakes which are a part of life, and even when a squad commander is given responsibility for the lives of his men, it is assumed that he may make some mistakes. If the army is open to public scrutiny at all levels, it would make the job very difficult, "and we will reach the position of the Americans in Vietnam."

R/A Gur said that before the October War there was a proper balance in relations between the public and the army. Military actions were judged in the correct light. Officers who made too many mistakes were not promoted, "but if the errors were within certain limits, we had backing."

Calling for a return to the system which encouraged field commanders to make courageous decisions and take responsibility for them, the C-o-S said this was essential if we wanted to have a good officer corps. It was important to strike a balance between responsibility, authority and freedom of action "which would prevent any running wild and actions which are unacceptable in our society."

R/A Gur said that in visiting field units after the October war he had received the impression that most of the complaints were not about the internal working of the units themselves, but were directed at broader aspects of the war — defence policy and strategy. This led him to believe it was possible to rebuild the army and repair the damage done during the war, and had been one of his reasons for accepting the post of Chief of Staff. (R/A Gur was in the U.S. serving as military attache during the war. After returning he was O.C. Northern Command until he was appointed C-o-S.)

But it was necessary to examine "various phenomena" which had occurred during the war and afterwards within the units as well. "We must build up a comprehensive foundation of confidence," he said.

Apart from authority, responsibility and confidence, it was essential to provide the officers with the means to justify the trust of their men and the public. "They must have the best rifles, the anti-tank missiles, equipment for communication with aircraft — the best possible weapons. There is no doubt that one of the critical problems faced by field units in the war was that the Arab armies had better and more weapons."

One of the lessons of the war was that it was now necessary to build up the size of the Defence Forces. To do so many more officers were needed, both to staff the new units and to fill the gaps left by the 200 regular army officers lost in the war.

It takes 10 or 12 years to make a man into a top-class field officer, and to promote juniors too rapidly would cause long-term harm. "If we take a good company commander today and make him a battalion commander before he is ready, not only have we lost a company commander but we have not gained a battalion commander," said R/A Gur.

It was therefore necessary to call battle-seasoned reserve officers to bridge the time-gap needed to build up an officer corps at the lower levels.

The IDF would ask reserve commanders of companies, battalions and brigades to sign up for the regular army for at least two or three years to allow a young generation of officers to develop and eventually to fill their places. But the army was prepared to take officers for even shorter periods, even six months, during which they could conduct courses for new company commanders. "The veteran officers all inspire confidence and the young officers will not only learn from them but also will acquire confidence again in the whole system," R/A Gur said.

To attract good men to the permanent army and keep them there they must have the proper financial reward. The army would never be able to match the salaries paid in civilian life, but there were other rewards to compensate for this — the interesting work, the respect enjoyed by members of the regular army and the responsibility involved.

But the financial aspects could not be ignored. "We feel that if we don't improve conditions we'll find ourselves in trouble," he said.

"Our slogan used to be guns instead of socks. I don't think we can keep up with this. We can't keep up our technical power without the men to do so. And we cannot keep the men without giving them the remuneration. We can't ask regular army officers to go on serving for the seventh or eighth year without suitable financial compensation. I believe this financial expression is also the expression of the appreciation of the nation."

READERS' LETTERS

More school discipline urged

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I feel I must write to say how completely I agree with the sentiments expressed by Joe Lison in your issue of June 20, "Education is the root of Israel's problems." After almost two years in this country, my feelings are that unless the system of education is changed soon, then we will end up destroying ourselves without any help from the Arabs or anyone else.

Most people may agree that too much discipline is bad, but from what I have seen, too much freedom is even worse. The former may tend to develop sheep, but the latter turns out wild animals, and I know which I would rather live with.

It is only the system of education which I can find to blame for our inconsiderate drivers, reckless and unwarranted strikes, our filthy streets, and the need to keep on having to request lifts for our soldiers. It all boils down to a lack of consideration for anyone else and an attitude of each one for himself and to heck with the rest.

One solution, as I see it, is the immediate introduction of some form of discipline in the schools. This might also help to improve the morale of the teachers and provide them with the motivation which appears totally lacking at present. We have spared the rod altogether and there is no doubt that the child has been harmed.

S. CHAIT

Kibbutz Mizra, June 23.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The difference between freedom and licence is like the difference between democracy and anarchy. I am sorry to say it, but what is going on in most of Israel's classrooms is plain anarchy. The most interesting letter by high-school teacher Joe Lison (June 20) is not an exaggeration. Israeli Seminary Graduates are told that: "If the children don't accept you — we can do nothing whatsoever for you." They are also told that if they are unable to "control" a class they will be fired. I have witnessed many cases where teachers used fair means and foul to "control a class" so as not to be fired, and it had nothing whatsoever to do with teaching or educating.

The teacher in Israel is helpless. There are no provisions for punishment. Discipline in a classroom is a prerequisite for good teaching. Letters like the one from Joe Lison can be read almost weekly in the teacher's journal, but who cares? Many good and qualified teachers leave the profession because they feel frustrated and unable to change matters.

If we want to better the quality of life in Israel, we have to make it clear that rules and laws are there to be obeyed. This can be only done by a drastic change in our education.

PNINA AVLIEZER

Jerusalem, June 20.

PROTEST ON NIXON VISIT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We look with disgust and trepidation upon two particular actions related to President Nixon's recent visit to Jerusalem: (a) the refusal by the city of Jerusalem to allow an anti-Nixon demonstration at the time of his visit, and (b) the refusal by *The Jerusalem Post* to print a paid anti-Nixon advertisement.

Now some thoughts occur to us. How secure is a government or media that cannot tolerate a demonstration, physical or written, of criticism? Where is the line that separates Israel from Amin's Uganda or some South American "banana" republic?

In addition, we ask, is there not some hypocrisy involved when Isreal condemns European countries which put their own economic welfare above their moral commitments to Israel during the Yom Kippur War, while later Israel squelches a denouncement of an immoral (at least in the demonstrators' eyes) man in deference to our economic security..

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Kibbutz Malkia, June 17.

The Jerusalem Post thinks that American citizens should carry out American domestic protests in America. Ed. *J.P.*

WHAT PANOV SAID

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In her report of June 19 on the press conference with the Panovs, Doris Sowden quotes Panov as saying: "In our particular case, the pressure of public opinion did help; but on the whole I consider that quiet diplomacy may help most. The Soviet authorities do not seem to mind public demonstrations..."

I, too, attended this press conference. I don't know whether Mrs. Sowden knows Russian. Anyway, I don't, and my notes were written down with the help of the interpreter in attendance: "Without worldwide publicity, Jewish emigration from the S.U. is impossible. It's the only way. I am an example."

Far from me to want an argument with Mrs. Sowden. I simply think that this particular point is too important for all the would-be Jewish emigrants, waiting in the S.U., to let it pass.

EDNA HERUTHY

Kiryat Ono, June 19.

Dora Sowden comments.

I too depended on the interpreter. I wrote down what was said, but not all that was said in two hours. The writer of the letter apparently wrote down a different part. The two statements are not contradictory but complementary.

HUMAN RIGHTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Dr. Lev Libov writes that the Soviet Union has signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (June 13). Unfortunately that is not so. When the Declaration was put to the vote on December 10, 1948, eight U.N. members abstained—the Communist countries, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa.

SYDNEY D. BAILEY

London, June 22.

POSTSCRIPTS

ALTHOUGH the bread and butter of the press depends on them, we are forced to say that Israel advertisers have a long, long way to go to find out the snappiest way to get their message across. A recent attempt to sell a certain commodity through full-page ads in the weekend newspaper magazines led off with a *double entendre* with the second entendre implying more than normal sexual prowess on the part of the male model. Several readers gave appreciative snickers when the advertisement was recalled to them, but only a few remembered what the advertised commodity was and not one remembered the specific brand. A total failure.

One of our newer political organizations ran into an unexpected snag with its ad in a Hebrew daily. Borrowing a bright idea from a charity that publishes its appeals in better-class American journals, it suggests that if the reader has no interest in changing the way things are run, he should simply turn over the page. The advert appeared on the last page.

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OF course there are people who aren't satisfied with the way things are run and don't use the normal lawful channels to correct them. One MK puts part of the blame for this anarchy on the authorities themselves.

Yedidia Beeri, of Likud, wrote last week to Premier Rabin to say that citizens who take violent action to frustrate court orders or who blatantly flout laws and regulations obviously get some inspiration from the Government's reluctance to obey or enforce its own laws. In this atmosphere, Beeri wrote, it is hard to educate citizens, and especially young people, to respect the rule of law as it should apply in a democratic state.

What particularly inspired the MK to write was the admission of the Minister of Agriculture in the Knesset a week earlier that the Rivers and Springs Authorities Law, designed, *inter alia*, to protect our valuable water resources from pollution, has been on the statute book for nine years and never been applied.

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SINCE this column started we have resisted the temptation to publish examples of the notoriously ill-mannered behaviour of many of our bus drivers. They've been exposed so often in our correspondence columns. But when one tries to infect the younger generation with his discourtesy, we feel compelled to draw attention to it.

A. Jacobson, of Haifa, writes: "I was standing in a crowded bus when a woman asked a boy to let me have his seat. He did so, and I thanked him. The driver turned round to ask the woman whether the child were hers. No, she replied. Well then, the driver went on. You've no business telling him to get up."

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A READER has complained that the public welcome accorded the U.S. President on his visit to Jerusalem last month was exaggerated. She was answered yesterday by another who thought it only a tok... of the enormous moral debt we o... Mr. Nixon's Administration. Anoth... reader gives us the following glimp... of how the man-in-street feels:

On the day of his arrival my li... year-old daughter was sick an... could not go with her class to gre... Mr. Nixon at the entrance to t... Capital. As I left home, she ma... me promise to bring her one of t... small Stars and Stripes she kn... her classmates would be getting.

After the motorcade had pas... I asked about a dozen of t... soldiers and policemen who h... been guarding the route if th... would kindly let me have one of t... flags with which they had be... issued. Not a single one of t... young army recruits or veter... police officers was willing to pa... with his flag. All were sympathet... to my plea but explained th... simply had to keep their flag as... cherished memento of the occasio...

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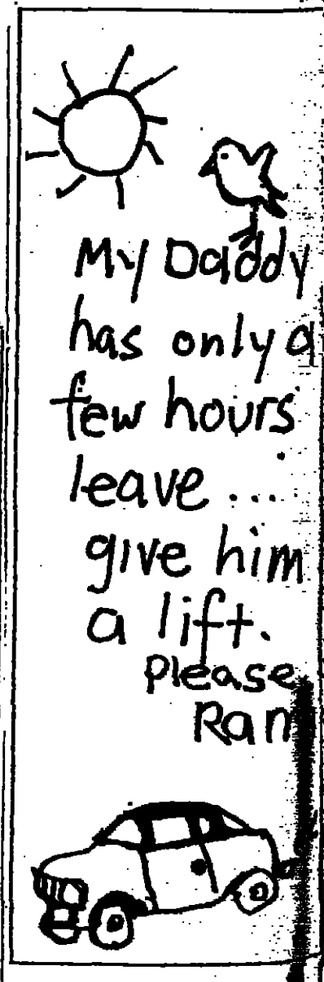

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